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Grand Master, 1938

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Grand Master, 1937

Of Scottish parentage (Fifeshire), M. W. Bro. West was born in the City of Montreal, Quebec, on July 6, 1881, where he was educated, adopting the profession of Accountancy.

He came to Western Canada in 1903, settling in Edmonton where he has resided ever since. For several years after his arrival he held the position of Accountant for a large wholesale firm, Ross Bros. Limited, and later became Manager of Edmonton Bulletin, Ltd, until 1917, when he was appointed Bursar of the University of Alberta in which office he continues to render a valuable public service.

He married in 1909 Miss Louise Umbach and they have four children, a girl and three boys.

His Masonic career has been a long and honorable one. Initiated in 1904 in Edmonton Lodge, then No. 53 under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and now No. 7 in this Grand Lodge, he became its Master in 1916 and ever since has been an active member of the lodge. In 1933 he was elected D.D.G.M. of Masonic District No. 3. His year of office, despite the difficulties of the time, was most successful and his work was of unusual benefit to the lodges, his expert knowledge of financial matters being of great assistance in many cases. In 1935 he was elected Junior Grand Warden, and passing successively through the offices of Senior Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master, he was elected Grand Master in 1938.

He is also active in Capitular Masonry, being a member of North Star Chapter since 1905, when it was No. 118 under the Grand Chapter of Canada and now No. 2 in the Grand Chapter of Alberta. He was elected Grand First Principal in 1933. He is a Past T.I.M. of Zohar Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters, became a member of Edmonton Preceptory No. 46, K.T. in 1905, in 1914 was elected Provincial Prior, and has been a member of the Grand Council since 1924.

In 1930 he was made a member of Edmonton Lodge of Perfection, A. & A. S. R., of Mizpah Chapter in 1931 and Alberta Consistory in 1932.

He has also been a member of Al Azhar Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Calgary, since 1907 and was Potentate in 1938.

The record would indicate that for thirty-four years M. W. Bro. West has been extremely active in fraternal work.

He holds the rank of Major in the Cadet Officers' Training Corps, University of Alberta, of which he is Paymaster.

He is also interested in sports and is President of the Mayfair Golf and Country Club of Edmonton.

Like his Scottish parents he is a member of the Presbyterian Faith and is a consistent supporter of that church.

During his year of office as Grand Master he gave particular attention to the business affairs of the lodges, striving to impress upon them the importance of members keeping in close touch with this part of lodge life, feeling that with a better understanding of their own affairs they would avoid many expenditures which in the past have been a burden. That his work has not been without results is apparent, for he says, "The financial position of the constituent lodges is encouraging."

It was an exceptionally busy year for M. W. Bro. West. He practically crossed the continent to attend the 200th Anniversary of the Introduction of Freemasonry into Canada at the beginning of his term, following which there were District Meetings as well as numerous visits to lodges to undertake, while just before our Annual Communication he visited the Grand Lodge of Manitoba at Winnipeg—the first occasion that a Grand Master of Alberta could do so. There is no doubt that he practised the dictum, which he quoted in his address, of the late Bro. Theodore Roosevelt: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

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The Thirty-fourth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 14th, A.D. 1939, A.L. 5939, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m.

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W. Bro. A. H. Key	W. M.	"	88
W. Bro. G. Milne	W. M.	"	90
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Bro. G. G. Stokes	J. W.	"	96
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OPENING

The members having assembled in the Lodge Room, the Grand Director of Ceremonies informed the Grand Master, who with his Grand Officers proceeded in procession and assumed their stations. A constitutional number of lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was then opened in Ample Form and with prayer.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

RECEPTION OF THE MAYOR OF CALGARY

The Grand Director of Ceremonies announced that His Worship the Mayor of Calgary, R. W. Bro. A. Davison, was in waiting. The M. W. the Grand Master requested M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, P.G.M., to retire and introduce His Worship, when he was welcomed by the Grand Master as follows:

"R. W. Bro. Davison:

"It is a particular pleasure to welcome you to our 34th Grand Lodge Communication. During the past years your hospitable welcome whenever our meetings have been in Calgary has been unfailing in its courtesy, so in your capacity as Chief Magistrate of your City we welcome you, again as a distinguished brother in the Craft with a long record of faithful service we are able to welcome you as a worthy brother Mason.

"We appreciate, of course, your recent association with Royalty may incline you to regard us as very humble folk indeed, nevertheless were you Royalty itself in person, our greeting to you could be no more warm or cordial.

"We would ask you to kindly come to the Grand East and take a seat on the dais."

His Worship replied:

"M. W. Sir and Brethren:

"For the fifth time, as Mayor of the City of Calgary, it has been my privilege to come to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge when it is convened here and extend a civic welcome. I have always been right royally received, but it would not be a wonder if I outlived my welcome.

"First, I wish to thank M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay for his kindly introduction. M. W. Bro. Macaulay and I have the honor to be Past Masters of the same lodge, so what he has said you can take as gospel truth.

"A little time ago I received a letter from our Grand Secretary in which he advised me that he was commissioned to have me appear before you and extend the greetings of the City of Calgary and he also intimated that he felt this Grand Lodge, when it met in Calgary, could hardly be constitutionally opened unless I did so; but he went further than that when he reminded me of the pleasure I had in walking and talking with our King and Queen on the occasion of the Royal Visit, saying that there would be, no doubt, a reflected aura from that wonderful association.

"However, brethren, I have no intention of speaking at length as I know you have a very heavy agenda to consider. I think that 1939 will always be remembered as the Royal Visit Year. I am sure that all we Masons were delighted with the ovations extended to our King and Queen, not only in this Dominion but in the United States as well. This is the first time that a reigning Sovereign has visited a Dominion and he came to us not as the King of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, but as the King of Canada, and as such we welcomed him. I think it is most unfortunate that the dictates of custom made it impossible for us as Masons to extend to our King, as a member of our Fraternity, the honours with which we should like to have met him,

but there is nothing to prevent this Grand Lodge at this time from passing a resolution of loyalty and devotion.

"To my very good friend, M. W. Bro. Archibald West, Grand Master, I would extend my best wishes for a successful communication and express my appreciation for the very excellent service he has rendered Grand Lodge throughout the past year.

"As Mayor and Chief Magistrate of the City of Calgary I extend to all members of Grand Lodge the freedom of the city, knowing full well that you will not abuse that privilege, and I trust that your stay in the City of the Foothills will be one of pleasure and profit."

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Grand Master requested M. W. Bros. J. A. Jackson and M. M. Downey, P.G.M.'s, to retire and introduce M. W. Bro. W. J. Dunlop, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and R. W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. These distinguished brethren were then introduced, received with Grand Honours and addressed by the Grand Master in the following words:

"M. W. Bro. Dunlop:

"It is a source of pride and satisfaction that we are able to welcome at this our 34th Annual Communication the Grand Master of the largest in point of membership of the Grand Jurisdictions in Canada.

"In your personal, as well as in your official capacity, you are welcome. I look back with sincere appreciation to the hospitality extended to me during my visit to your 83rd Annual Communication held in the City of Toronto last year. Your record of service to the Craft is widely known. We welcome you to our assembly and hope to benefit from the wisdom for which you are justly famed.

"To you, R. W. Bro. Henderson, as a representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, we extend our greetings as the representative of our Mother Grand Lodge, because Alberta was given a start as a Grand Jurisdiction with the cordial parental blessing of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. It is sufficiently uncommon to be unusual, for a child to be able to welcome and express its gratitude to its mother and grandmother at the same time.

"We are sorry that your M. W. Grand Master was not able to be with us in person, though he had wished to do so but was prevented by another engagement. We are glad that he is so ably represented by yourself as the Deputy Grand Master, and to him and to you we would wish to express our warm appreciation of the cordial fraternal welcome to me on my visit to your 64th Annual Communication held in the City of Winnipeg last week.

"So, M. W. Sir, and R. W. Sir, as representatives of our Masonic grand parent and parent, we welcome you to our assembly and would ask you to approach the Grand East and be seated on the dais."

On being escorted to the East, the distinguished brethren replied, thanking the Grand Master and Grand Lodge for the cordiality of their reception and extending the fraternal greetings of their respective Grand Lodges.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The M. W. the Grand Master stated that before the Roll of Grand Representatives was called he had a great deal of pleasure in presenting R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming and V. W. Bro. B. E. Canniff with their commissions as Grand Representatives and requested these brethren to approach the East. He then presented the commission of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, to R. W. Bro. Cumming, and that of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia to V. W. Bro. Canniff, expressing the hope that their appointment would further advance the happy fraternal relations which had always existed between these Grand Lodges and the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and requested them to acknowledge receipt of the same direct to their Grand Secretaries.

The Roll of Grand Representatives was then called, thirty-six Grand Jurisdictions being represented, each representative taking his place before the altar as his name was called. They were received with Grand Honours and M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, P.G.M., Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, near the Grand Lodge of Alberta extended fraternal greetings as follows:

"It is my privilege on behalf of the brethren assembled before you to express for the Grand Lodges we represent our appreciation of your cordial words of greeting.

"We believe that at no time has there been greater need for men to be banded in unselfish fellowship than there is this day. It is in full knowledge of this need that we, as official representatives of sister jurisdictions stand here, not only to acknowledge your welcome but to pay tribute to the freedom and tolerance which makes our meeting possible.

"Freemasonry with all economic, political and social organizations is on trial, but we believe the Order will stand the test now as in the past.

"Our ranks as Grand Representatives show gaps and in some jurisdictions the lights burn low, but with your own Grand Lodge we still maintain Faith in our Order, Hope for its continued prosperity and Charity toward all men.

"It will be our pleasant duty to convey your greeting to our respective Grand Lodges in the name of which I extend the most cordial wishes for the success of your present communication."

The M. W. the Grand Master replied as follows:

"Brethren:

"To you as the distinguished representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, in fraternal relation and communication with this Grand Jurisdiction, may I express the thanks of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, for the fraternal greetings just presented by you. This is a time when we, meeting as we do in one of the Dominions of the British Commonwealth of Nations, may fittingly recall that under the British Flag we enjoy privileges denied our brethren living in less favored parts of the world.

"While we are exchanging mutual greetings and congratulations, it is fitting that we should express our fraternal sympathy with our

suppressed and persecuted brethren, wheresoever dispersed throughout the world.

"I would ask you when communicating with the several jurisdictions you represent, to convey to them the fraternal greetings of this Grand Jurisdiction and express our appreciation of the Greetings you have presented on their behalf."

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), "That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Thirty-third Annual Communication, held in the City of Edmonton, on June 8th and 9th, 1938, and as appeared in the printed Proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed."

COMMUNICATIONS

The Grand Secretary read the following telegram received from the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which was meeting that day:

"Freemasonry knowing no boundary extends the handclasp across the imaginary line from Iowa Masonry to you in your Thirty-fourth Annual Communication. Best wishes for a profitable session."

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan also wired fraternal greetings and the following message was received from M. W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, P.G.M., of London, Ontario:

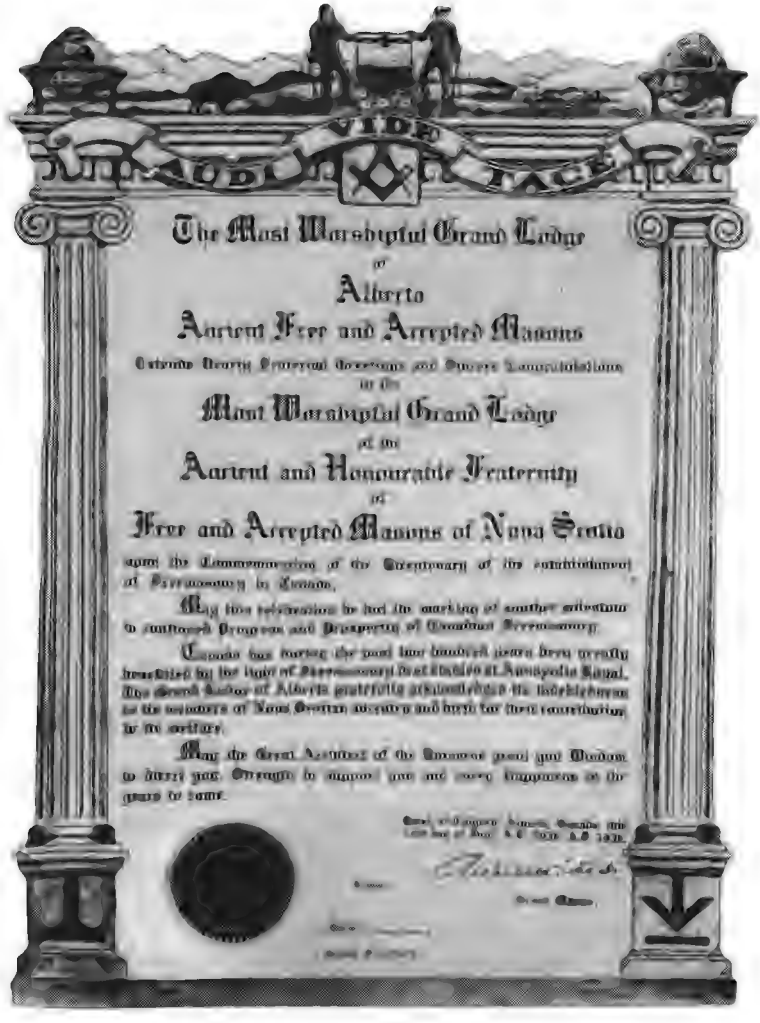
"Please convey to the M. W. the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge Officers and all the brethren assembled, my kind personal regards and sincere best wishes for a successful, constructive and harmonious communication."

R. W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe, Past Grand Treasurer, of Toledo, Ohio, wired:

"Kindly convey to the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., my sincere and heartfelt greetings and fraternal wishes for a happy and profitable communication. Would like to be with you."

The Grand Master directed that suitable replies be sent to these fraternal messages.

Greetings and best wishes were also received from the following officers and members of this Grand Lodge, who regretted their inability to be present: M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, P.G.M. (Winnipeg); R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (Grand Rep. S. Australia); R. W. Bro. W. T. H. Cripps (Grand Rep. Norway); V. W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison (Grand Rep. Minnesota); and the following Grand Stewards: V. W. Bros. O. S. Martin, L. B. Adams and Kenneth Fraser.



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of
Alberta
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Extends Hearty Fraternal Greetings and Sincere Congratulations
to the
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of the
Ancient and Honourable Fraternity
of
Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia

upon the Commemoration of the Bicentenary of its establishment of Freemasonry in Canada.

May this celebration be but the marking of another milestone to continued Progress and Prosperity of Canadian Freemasonry.

Canada has during the past two hundred years been greatly benefitted by the light of Freemasonry first kindled at Annapolis Royal. The Grand Lodge of Alberta gratefully acknowledges its indebtedness to the members of Nova Scotian ancestry and pays tribute to their contribution to its welfare.

May the Great Architect of the Universe grant you Wisdom to direct you, Strength to support you and every happiness as the years to come.

Given at Calgary, Alberta, Canada, this
Last day of June A.D. 1930 A.D. 1930.

Grand Master.

Grand Secretary.

Grand Master's Address

My Brethren:

It is a pleasure and an honor to welcome you to this thirty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Some of you are attending today for the first time, but many others have been coming to these annual communications year after year, and are familiar with the formalities of Grand Lodge Sessions, and it is from you that I would ask assistance in looking after the happiness and comfort of those here for the first time.

Your presence here today in this beautiful Masonic Temple in the City of Calgary recalls recollections of many pleasant associations.

It is with mingled pride and regret that I realize my term of office as Grand Master is drawing to a close.

The past year has been for me a very busy but a happy one. The miles of travel, the sleepless nights and the cares of office will soon be forgotten, but the many kindnesses, the brotherly handclasps, the sympathetic support, and the helpful co-operation will remain as pleasant memories while life endures, and for all of these please accept my heartfelt thanks. In particular I would like to record my appreciation for the unfailing and efficient work of the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Kemmis, whose advice has kept your Grand Master from stumbling into many pitfalls which, without that valuable advice and guidance, he would have been unable to avoid. Special mention should also be made of the faithful service rendered by R. W. Bro. Ireland in connection with the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, as well as that of other Grand Lodge officers, past and present. All have been unsparing in their loyal co-operation and assistance.

VISIT OF HIS MAJESTY, KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH

The close association of the members of the Royal Family with Masonry has been a source of pride and gratification to all members of the Craft throughout the British Commonwealth of Nations.

As is well known our present King was a Grand Master in his own right before ascending the throne and many other members of the Royal Family have had distinguished Masonic careers. The latest illustration of this is the recent election of the Duke of Kent, brother of the King, who was unanimously elected Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England in Freemasons' Hall, London, on March 1st, 1939, the installation to take place on July 19th, 1939.

The Duke of Kent succeeds the Duke of Connaught, who retires from the office of Grand Master, which he has occupied for thirty-eight years.

We join with other loyal subjects in the Kingdom of Canada in tendering our expression of loving loyalty and humble duty to Their Gracious Majesties, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, on the occasion of their visit to our Dominion and Province.

NECROLOGY

It is with thankfulness that we note that death, during the year now closing, has made no inroads on the official family of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

We are grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe and are happy to continue in the service of our fellowmen and the Craft. Nevertheless the Grim Reaper has not spared the membership of the Craft, and it is with deep regret that we must record the loss by death of many faithful brethren. Our sympathy goes out to their bereaved friends and relatives.

The rising mortality rate among Masons is in line with the general trend of vital statistics in this Province, showing that we are no longer a pioneer community.

Suitable recognition will be made in these Proceedings by the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

REVISION OF RITUAL OF THE ANCIENT YORK WORK

My first official duty was to name a committee to revise the Ritual of the Ancient York Work.

At the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge it was noted by the Board of General Purposes that the Ritual of the Ancient York Work was out of print and a new edition was necessary. It was suggested that before a new supply was printed, it might be advisable to have it revised. The Board of General Purposes having approved of this being done, recommended to Grand Lodge that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee for this purpose. Grand Lodge having approved of the recommendation, your Grand Master appointed the following committee:

M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, *Chairman.*
M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher,
M. W Bro. A. M. Mitchell,
V. W. Bro. F. Whitfield,
V. W. Bro. J. S. Stewart.
R W. Bro. G. Moore, D.G.M. ex officio.

It is regrettable that V. W. Bro. Stewart owing to press of other duties found it impossible to act. He therefore was replaced by R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone.

In the interests of economy and efficiency, the personnel of the committee was composed of two brethren from each of the three cities, Lethbridge, Calgary and Edmonton.

On March 31st, 1939, M. W. Bro. Connacher resigned from the committee.

A complete report in accordance with the Notice of Motion given by the Chairman will be submitted for your consideration in the hope that with your approval the new edition can be printed and made available for the constituent lodges by January 1st of next year.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The financial resources of Grand Lodge have been seriously affected by decreased income from funded investments owing to the lowering of interest rates.

For reasons of economy under these circumstances the desirable attendance of the Custodians of the Work at district meetings was to some extent dispensed with.

For the same reason your Grand Master attended only eleven of the district meetings and arranged for the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore ,to represent him at five others in the southern part of the Province.

I would like at this time to express my appreciation to the Deputy Grand Master for his assistance in this connection.

I had arranged, while in Eastern Canada, to visit District No. 13 along with the Grand Secretary. However, on my return, I found that an unexpected change in the train service had been made, making it impossible for me to rearrange my private official duties to enable me to accompany the Grand Secretary to this district meeting, which was held at Sexsmith. I regret very much my inability to attend this meeting, but I was able to make arrangements later to visit both Grande Prairie and Spirit River Lodges at which I met members from most of the lodges in that district and greatly appreciated the fraternal spirit, enthusiasm and wonderful hospitality with which they greeted me.

As the respective District Deputy Grand Masters will in the course of these proceedings submit their official reports, I do not think it necessary or advisable to anticipate here what they will say for themselves.

May I say a word about District Meetings. From my experience and observation, I am firmly convinced that the District Meetings are very much worth while. As they are organized by the lodges of the district and the District Deputy Grand Master, they provide for the exercise of local autonomy and furnish the opportunity and the facilities for clearing up many misunderstandings, ironing out difficulties and generally strengthening the morale. Many members of the Craft are able to attend District Meetings, who for various reasons are unable to attend Grand Lodge.

While District Meetings are no substitute for the Grand Lodge Communication they do give the membership of the Craft the opportunity to view the work of Masonry in a wider setting than that afforded in the individual lodge. To some degree those who attend District Meetings get a realization of the extent and scope of Masonry. When the programme of the meeting is well organized, as it can be and is under the guidance of a competent District Deputy Grand Master, helpful addresses can be given and useful discussions held, to an extent not possible in Grand Lodge, where the press of routine business often prevents other valuable programmes being presented.

The District Deputy Grand Masters have rendered a valuable service to Masonry by the careful efficient and enthusiastic manner in which they have carried on their duties throughout the year. Each lodge has been visited officially at least once, and for this and the many courtesies they have shown me I desire to express my sincere appreciation.

DISPENSATIONS

In response to proper applications I have granted 105 dispensations, which are listed in the Grand Secretary's report. One of these deserves special mention:

Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142 requested a dispensation to remove their Charter to the Anglican Mission Hall, located at Coppermine, or as the Hudson's Bay Company call it, Fort Hearne, at the mouth of the Coppermine River on Coronation Gulf, N.W.T., 1,200 miles directly north of Edmonton, being actually on the Arctic Ocean, and about 150 miles north of the Arctic Circle. This lodge was regularly opened and the first degree was conferred during the afternoon of August 30th, 1938. After the ceremony the party was flown back to Great Bear Lake and finally to civilization by the Acting Junior Deacon, Bro. (Capt.) Wilfred May, the General Superintendent of the Canadian Airways Ltd.

The officers were under the direction of W. Bro. C. E. Garnett, Acting Worshipful Master.

The candidate was Emil John Walli, General Superintendent of the Eldorado Gold Mines Limited, born in Sudbury, Ontario, and completed his education at Queen's University.

The Acting Chaplain, Bro. (Dr.) J. B. Tyrell, the famous geologist, mining engineer and explorer, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, expressed to the candidate the great pleasure it gave him to have had the opportunity of participating in the ceremony.

Five applications for dispensations were denied. Four were for permission to confer degrees within the statutory time; the other for permission to initiate more than five candidates at one time.

RULINGS AND DECISIONS

1. A constituent lodge postponed its regular meeting to a subsequent date and designated that meeting as an adjourned meeting instead of what it properly was, namely, an emergent meeting. Business was transacted which could only be done at a regular meeting. Business was transacted without notice which could only be done at a regular meeting. Minutes of the previous regular meeting were also read and confirmed.

The Deputy Grand Master, in my absence from the jurisdiction, ruled that the procedure was irregular and

1. That the business transacted must be confirmed at the next regular meeting.
2. That the minutes of the previous regular meeting must again be read and confirmed at the next regular meeting.
3. That the item referring to these minutes as recorded in the emergent meeting must be struck out.

On my return to the jurisdiction, I confirmed the above ruling of the Deputy Grand Master.

2. Your Grand Master ruled that a lodge cannot cancel the suspension of a member from the records, on his reinstatement.

3. A constituent lodge meeting the first Tuesday in the month experienced difficulty in giving effect to its by-law governing the date for the submission of the annual financial statement.

This by-law in conformity with the Constitution, (Sec. 158) called for the auditor's report to be presented at the next regular meet-

ing of the lodge subsequent to the installation of officers. There being insufficient time for the preparation of the report between the close of the financial year, December 31st and the next regular meeting of the lodge which might follow the next day, your Grand Master ruled that the by-law be amended to read: "On or before the regular meeting in February of each year."

This difficulty shows that Section 158 of the Constitution needs revision. Your Grand Master recommends:

1. That Section 158 of the Constitution be amended as necessary.

2. That the Standard Code of By-Laws be amended by the addition of a clause defining the financial year for the constituent lodges as the calendar year.

or alternatively:

A. Lodges whose installation follows the festival of St. John the Baptist establish the financial year as from July 1st to June 30th inclusive.

B. Lodges whose installation follows the festival of St. John the Evangelist establish the financial year as the calendar year.

4. A brother was elected and installed as Master of his lodge. Immediately following installation he left the jurisdiction and never acted as the Master of his lodge. No objection was raised by his lodge to his continuance in office. After the twelve months term his right to the rank of Past Master was questioned. Your Grand Master ruled that under the circumstances he was entitled to the rank of Past Master on the election and installation of his successor.

5. Your Grand Master ruled that a regular meeting at which none of the principal officers were present was irregular and any business transacted was null and void and of no effect, and that the business done must be reintroduced and dealt with at the next regular meeting.

6. A candidate for initiation by the nature of his employment was absent from his home for 6 months of the 12 months preceding his application. Your Grand Master ruled that he should be regarded as a resident where his established home was situated and that the lodge could receive his application.

7. On October 17th, 1929, Cairo Lodge No. 32, Claresholm, dedicated its lodge room to Masonic purposes only. For financial reasons it became necessary to use the premises for non-Masonic purposes. Your Grand Master ruled that the dedication be removed as was done by official declaration on March 28th, 1939.

8. A ruling was requested as to whether or not it is constitutional for a lodge to "grant unto its Committee of General Purposes, power to compromise and determine the amount payable by a brother seeking restoration, and such amount as shall be fixed by the Committee shall be accepted by the lodge in full satisfaction and the application of the brother proceeded with as provided under the terms of Section 237 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alberta."

Your Grand Master ruled that the following wording would be constitutional: "That this lodge grant unto its Committee of General Purposes power to negotiate and determine in their opinion the amount payable by a brother seeking restoration and such amount, agreed upon

by the Committee and the applicant, shall be referred to the lodge for confirmation and the application proceeded with as provided under the terms of Section No. 237 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alberta."

9. A lodge asked if it would be constitutional for them to join a Masonic Association in another jurisdiction. Ruled that no lodge in this jurisdiction could join as such a Masonic Association in another jurisdiction over which the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Alberta has no authority.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Recommendations were made to and confirmed by the Grand Masters of the following Grand Lodges, of representatives near the Grand Lodge of Alberta:

District of Columbia . W. Bro. John Rae, Edmonton.
Georgia..... ... V. W. Bro. B. E. Canniff, Calgary.
Illinois .. . . R. W. Bro. Wm. R. Wilson, Edmonton.
West Virginia..... . ...R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, Calgary.

Your Grand Master made the following recommendations, but commissions have not yet been received from:

Chile... ... .R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, Edmonton.
Cuba .. ..W. Bro. Waldo Empey, Edmonton.
Prince Edward Island . .R. W. Bro. C. R. Walrod, Rockyford.
Venezuela. ... .M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Calgary.

Commissions appointing Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge near the following Grand Lodges, on the recommendations of their respective Grand Masters were issued:

Arkansas.. .....R. W. Bro. Ray Boyle, Malvern.
Cuba.. .....R. W. Bro. Pedro Diaz Rodriquez, Santiago.
Mexico (York G.L.).....R. W. Bro. H. M. Campbell, Mexico.
New Jersey .....R. W. Bro. John R. Wiltsie, S. Orange.
Ohio.. .....W. Bro. Hermon N. George, Youngstown.
Wisconsin.....W. Bro. Frank G. Martin, Chippewa Falls.
Venezuela.....R. W. Bro. M. S. Frija, Caracas.

RECOGNITION

It was a pleasure to request the Grand Secretary to make formal application to the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of United States of Venezuela for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and the exchange of Grand Representatives.

Venezuela is a Grand Lodge very much older than ours and recognized by the three British Grand Lodges, New York, Massachusettes and Canada in Ontario.

RESIGNATION

It was with regret that I received the resignation of M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher as Custodian of the Ancient York Work. M. W. Bro. Connacher has been Custodian since 1911. As Bro. Connacher gave

me no option but to accept his resignation, I accepted same to be confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

BI-CENTENARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREEMASONRY IN CANADA

One of the most notable events in the history of Masonry was the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the establishment of Freemasonry in Canada held in the City of Halifax, Nova Scotia, on July 9th, 10th and 11th, 1938.

The celebration was attended by delegates from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, Newfoundland, United States, and from all the Grand Lodges of Canada.

Your Grand Master arrived in Halifax on Saturday, July 9th. There he was indeed pleased to be welcomed by members of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and to meet M. W. Bro. John Martland, P.G.M. of our Grand Lodge, who had previously arrived. We were immediately assigned to rooms in the Nova Scotia Hotel as the guests of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

On July 10th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a service of Thanksgiving was held in St. Paul's Church, the oldest Protestant Church in Canada, built in 1750.

Bro. H. J. Cody, D. D., President of the University of Toronto, conducted the very impressive service. At half past eight in the evening, M. W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts gave an address "Freemasonry and the State." There was also a musical program by a large orchestra and a chorus of a hundred voices.

At 10 o'clock on Monday morning, July 11th, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia held an Emergent Communication at which the delegates were received in the following order: Grand Lodges of Canada, Newfoundland, United States and Great Britain.

The delegates from the British Isles were as follows:

England:

General Sir Francis J. Davies, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., Deputy Grand Master.
Rev. Thomas T. Blockley, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire.
The Rt. Hon. Viscount de Vesci, D.L., Senior Grand Warden.
Major Robert L. Loyd, O.B.E., M.C., Past Dep. Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Ireland:

Raymond F. Brooke, Dep. Grand Master.
Lt.-Col. Lord Farnham, D.S.O., Provincial Grand Master of Meath.
Dr. William E. Thrift, Provost of Trinity College, Dublin.

Scotland:

Brig.-Gen. Sir Norman A. Orr Ewing, Bt., D.S.O., A.D.C., V.L., Grand Master Mason.
T. G. Winning, J.P., Grand Secretary.

The Erasmus James Philipps Medal was conferred on your Grand Master and M. W. Bro. Martland. Your Grand Master had the honor and privilege of presenting an illuminated scroll (a print of which appears in the Proceedings) of greetings and congratulations from the Grand Lodge of Alberta, which was very graciously accepted by M. W. Bro. Norman T. Avard, Grand Master.

At half past eleven a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held in St. Paul's Cemetery for the purpose of dedicating and presenting to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia a beautiful monument to the late R. W. Bro. Erasmus James Philipps.

At one o'clock a luncheon was held at the Lord Nelson Hotel, where an address was given by M. W. Bro. Chas. H. Johnson of New York.

At three o'clock St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, presented a Masonic play by M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris, entitled "As it was in the Beginning," and representing the formation of the first lodge in Halifax and the initiation of Lord Colvill and his fellow officers.

At half past four, a tea reception was given in honor of the occasion by His Honor Robert Irwin, Lt. Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, and Mrs. Irwin.

At half past seven a banquet was given at the Nova Scotia Hotel. Toasts and responses were proposed and responded to by representatives of the respective Grand Lodges.

On Tuesday, July 12th we visited the Freemasons' Home at Windsor, and Grand Pre, the scene of Longfellow's "Evangeline."

At half past four there was a tea reception at Fort Ann, formerly Annapolis Royal. Here R. W. Bro. Sir Francis Davies unveiled a tablet marking the site of the first lodge in Canada.

Leaving Annapolis Royal, we drove to Digby and were entertained at The Pines.

Wednesday, July 13th, we crossed the Bay of Fundy to St. John, N.B., as the guests of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. A banquet was given in the evening at the Admiral Beatty Hotel, when your Grand Master had the honor of responding to the Toast to Canada.

On Thursday, July 15th we were guests of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island and were entertained at a banquet at the Canadian National Hotel in Charlottetown.

On Friday, July 16th, and Saturday, July 17th, we were guests of the Grand Lodge of Quebec at Montreal. After a drive around the city and a luncheon at the Hunt Club we attended a banquet in the evening held at the Windsor Hotel.

Arriving in Toronto on the 19th we were the guests of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, and were taken for a drive to Niagara Falls and had luncehon at the General Brock Hotel. On the 20th the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario was held and a dinner was given in the evening at the Royal York Hotel with about 1,400 brethren present.

On July 21st, leaving M. W. Bro. Martland, who returned to Edmonton, your Grand Master returned to St. John, N.B., and then

went on to Boston to attend an Emergent Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in the City of Boston, on August 3rd, which had been called to welcome the distinguished visitors from the British Isles.

I shall now quote in part from the Grand Lodge Bulletin of September, 1938, regarding the entertainment in Alberta.

The Old Country delegation coming west by way of Edmonton, were joined by M. W. Bros. Braithwaite and Mitchell, representing England and Scotland respectively, who travelled with them to Jasper. M. W. Bro. Frank Burd, P.G.M. of British Columbia, was also of the party, and he continued with them to the Pacific Coast. The party returned to Alberta on July 27th by way of Field, where they were met by a Calgary delegation under the direction of R. W. Bro. George Moore, Deputy Grand Master, and they motored to Lake Louise for tea, continuing on to Banff Springs Hotel for dinner in the evening. Our guests were greatly impressed with the mountain scenery. The next day the party were motored by the same brethren to Turner Valley. Here they had the unique experience of witnessing a large well being brought into production, which was a fitting climax to the trip, impressing our guests with the reality of our oil field as nothing else could have done. After lunch at Black Diamond the return to Calgary was made by way of Millarville giving the guests an extended view of the beautiful foothill country. A reception was held in the Sun Room of the Palliser Hotel at which over a hundred members had the pleasure of meeting the deputation. The ladies of the party were entertained at tea by Mrs. George Moore, assisted by the wives of the other Grand Officers. As a memento of the occasion the visitors were presented with a suitably inscribed souvenir, an artistic photo especially taken from a painting of a characteristic Indian Head, by one of our well known Alberta artists. On their departure that evening they were most enthusiastic in their delight with the magnificent scenery they had enjoyed from Jasper to the Coast and back again and expressed their gratification for the attention bestowed on them by the Alberta brethren. They seemed to be enjoying to the full their contacts with Canada and Canadians. Several of them indicated their intention to return again under more leisurely travelling conditions.

I wish to thank the Deputy Grand Master for his assistance in entertaining these distinguished brethren as I know work of this kind cannot be carried through successfully without a great deal of thought and careful planning.

In concluding this section of my report I would like to express my sincere appreciation of the gracious and generous hospitality of the brethren in the various Grand Jurisdictions visited in the course of my tour. Nothing was left undone which could contribute to the comfort, pleasure and profit of the visiting brethren.

The whole program showed a high degree of organizing and administrative ability.

GENERAL

I approved the granting of a 50 year jewel by North Star Lodge No. 4 to two of its members, R. W. Bros. Norman T. Macleod and J. D. Higinbotham.

It was with regret that I was unable to accept the following invitations:

Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan on June 15th, 1938.

Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas on November 21st, 1938.

Conference of the Grand Masters of Masons of the United States and Canada, February 22nd to 25th, 1939.

Annual Inter-Provincial Meeting at Cascade Lodge No. 5, at Banff on October 22nd, 1938.

VISIT TO THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

The action of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, in changing the date of their Annual Communication so as to make an exchange of fraternal visits, is noted and gratefully acknowledged. As a consequence of this change it was possible for your Grand Master to accept the cordial invitation from the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to attend their Annual Communication held at Winnipeg on June 7th, 1939. It was a privilege, personally to convey for the first time since the formation of the Grand Lodge in Alberta in 1905 fraternal greetings to our Mother Grand Lodge at their Annual Communication.

The gracious hospitality of the Manitoba brethren left nothing to be desired and we were particularly pleased that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was able to send R. W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Deputy Grand Master to return fraternal greetings at our 34th Annual Communication.

I was very pleased to commission R. W. Bro. H. O. Westrup, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 8, to officially represent the Grand Lodge of Alberta at the meeting of District No. 8 of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, held at Fernie, B.C., on May 13th, 1939.

It was a pleasure to accept the invitation from St. John's Lodge No. 25, Vegreville, to assist in the official opening on October 3rd, 1938, of their beautiful new Masonic Lodge Room.

It has been my privilege to visit several constituent lodges on the occasion of the celebration of their anniversaries.

10th Anniversary—Jasper Park Lodge, No. 143, Jasper.

21st Anniversary—Lamont Lodge No. 94, Lamont.

25th Anniversary—Harmony Lodge No. 75, Sedgewick.

25th Anniversary—Fidelity Lodge No. 76, Bashaw.

25th Anniversary—Strathcona Lodge No. 77, Edmonton.

I also visited numerous lodges on special festival nights such as Burns', Father and Son, Canadian, Soldiers, Dominion, St. Patrick's, and Empire Nights.

Special mention might be made of the celebration of the Ninth Annual Empire Night of Empire Lodge No. 63, under the direction of M. W. Bro. Martland and his assistants. The lodge was again honored by the presence of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

It is a source of gratification that His Majesty's representative, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, The Hon. J. C. Bowen, a member

of the Craft, has on numerous occasions visited Masonic assemblies and has given thoughtful and much appreciated addresses.

In accordance with the recommendation of Grand Lodge, the following special committee was appointed to investigate the finances of Grand Lodge:

R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, *Chairman.*
R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale,
W. Bro. O. C. Smith,
W. Bro. J. J. Petrie.

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AND BULLETIN

I have read the report of the Committee on Research and Education which will be presented to you later during this communication. Having served as Chairman of this Committee for two years, I agree quite definitely with their findings and appeal to you, to give the subject earnest consideration when the report is presented for reference.

The monthly Bulletin has been produced during the past year in printed form according to the authorization and instruction given at the last Communication of Grand Lodge. It has continued under the able editorship of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell.

We would be remiss indeed if we, representing the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction failed to express our sincere appreciation to M. W. Bro. Mitchell for the time, energy and thought, he has put into his work as editor.

CONDITION OF MASONRY

In these troubled and uncertain times when over large areas of the earth, freedom of speech, assembly and action, has either disappeared completely or is seriously curtailed, we reflect with gratitude that where our flag flies, these priceless and hard won liberties still flourish. Consequently, Masonry though struggling with financial difficulties is free to carry on its work.

Our membership figures for the year ending December 31st, 1938, show a net decrease of 158 as compared with 309 for the preceding year. Complete details will be shown in the Grand Secretary's report. These figures indicate that the rather alarming shrinkage of membership of the last few years has practically come to an end and we may expect in the near future a steady increase to be resumed.

The financial position of the constituent lodges is encouraging though Grand Lodge itself for reasons previously stated is still facing difficulties.

It is surprising in view of the legislation passed at the last Annual Communication that very few lodges took advantage of the reduced initiation fee, only eleven taking full advantage of the authorized reduction, by reducing the initiation fee to $25.00. So the improvement in membership statistics must be explained on some other basis than that of reduced fees. This means that we have in effect in this Grand Jurisdiction, what amounts to a graduated scale of initiation fees, according to age, presumed earning ability, and financial standing of candidates. The result is sufficiently gratifying for me to feel safe in recommeding the consideration of the scheme to other Grand Jurisdictions.

It is a particular pleasure to note that an increasing number of younger men are being initiated. It is the reasoned opinion of your Grand Master that the membership of the Craft having been purged by the difficulties of the past few years, now consists of brethren who have a vital interest in Masonry and what it ought to and does stand for in the lives of its members and in the life of the community. From all sides the opinion is heard that the morale among the constituent lodges is better now than it has been for several years past.

By way of confirming my own view of the present situation, I would like to quote from the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Arizona for the year 1938:

> "I am convinced that there is nothing the matter with Masonry here or anywhere in the country. It can be made to truly serve its votaries in spite of the fast tempo and complexities of present day living; in spite of the many counter-attractions. Masonry when properly administered to carefully selected applicants, through the medium of wholesome preparation, impressive ritualistic initiation, consistent and wisely planned education, can and will have a permanent and salutary effect both upon the body and soul of the notitiate."

CONCLUSION

In conclusion may I quote from a copy of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England under date of September 7th, 1938, under the heading "Aims and Relationships of the Craft." As this is a very important declaration of the Mother Grand Lodge, and has been endorsed by a number of Grand Lodges on this continent in their Annual Communications, I am including it in my report and recommending its adoption by our Grand Lodge:

"From time to time the United Grand Lodge of England has deemed it desirable to set forth in precise form the aims of Freemasonry as consistently practised under its Jurisdiction since it came into being as an organized body in 1717, and also to define the principles governing its relations with those other Grand Lodges with which it is in fraternal accord.

"In view of representations which have been received, and of statements recently issued which have distorted or obscured the true objects of Freemasonry, it is once again considered necessary to emphasize certain fundamental principles of the Order.

"The first condition of admission into, and membership of, the Order is a belief in the Supreme Being. This is essential and admits of no compromise.

"The Bible, referred to by Freemasons as the Volume of Sacred Law, is always open in the Lodges. Every candidate is required to take his Obligation on that book or on the Volume which is held by his particular creed to impart sanctity to an oath or promise taken upon it.

"Everyone who enters Freemasonry is, at the outset, strictly forbidden to countenance any act which may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; he must pay due obedience to the law of any state in which he resides or which may afford him protection, and he must never be remiss in the allegiance due to the Sovereign of his native land.

"While English Freemasonry thus inculcates in each of its members the duties of loyalty and citizenship, it reserves to the individual the right to hold his own opinion with regard to public affairs. But neither in any Lodge, nor at any time in his capacity as a Freemason, is he permitted to discuss or to advance his views on theological or political questions.

"Grand Lodge has always consistently refused to express any opinion on questions of foreign or domestic state policy either at home or abroad, and it will not allow its name to be associated with any action, however humanitarian it may appear to be, which infringes its unalterable policy of standing aloof from every question affecting the relations between one government and another, or between political parties, or questions as to rival theories of government.

"The Grand Lodge is aware that there do exist Bodies, styling themselves Freemasons, which do not adhere to these principles, and while that attitude exists the Grand Lodge of England refuses absolutely to have any relations with such Bodies, or to regard them as Freemasons.

"The Grand Lodge of England is a Sovereign and independent Body practising Freemasonry only within the three Degrees and only within the limits defined in its Constitution as "pure Antient Masonry." It does not recognize or admit the existence of any superior Masonic authority, however styled.

"On more than one occasion the Grand Lodge has refused, and will continue to refuse, to participate in Conferences with so called International Associations claiming to represent Freemasonry, which admit to membership Bodies failing to conform strictly to the principles upon which the Grand Lodge of England is founded. The Grand Lodge does not admit any such claim, nor can its views be represented by such Association.

"There is no secret with regard to any of the basic principles of Freemasonry, some of which have been stated above. The Grand Lodge will always consider the recognition of those Grand Lodges which profess, and practise, and can show that they have consistently professed and practised those established and unaltered principles, but in no circumstances will it enter into discussion with a view to any new or varied interpretation of them. They must be accepted and practised wholeheartedly and in their entirety by those who desire to be recognised as Freemasons by the United Grand Lodge of England."

With the above in mind, may I suggest as a working motto for the years to come, the words of the late Bro. Theodore Roosevelt: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

Fraternally submitted,

A. WEST,
Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), seconded by M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman (16), "That the Grand Master's Address, as presented, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

Calgary, June 14th, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Following the usual custom of Grand Lodge the time has come to pause in the deliberation and debate of business procedure to pay our tribute of love and respect to those of our brethren who, during the past year, have passed into the larger experience of the Celestial Lodge above.

It is a solemn thought that 124 members of this Grand Jurisdiction passed away during the year 1938. As I review the list I find that most of them are just names to me, but I realize that in every case they are cherished memories, and a goodly number of those here present are now recalling a friendship and a fellowship that was broken as a fellow-member was laid to rest. Eighty lodges, or one-half the number in this jursidiction, have been affected in this way during the year past. Our sincere sympathy goes out to all who mourn as in this brief fellowship we embrace them in our prayers, that they may find consolation.

As Masons we do not look upon death with dread, because the future is lit with the promise of immortality. For those who have passed on this hope has become reality; and the sorrow of those who remain is softened by the assurance that their loved ones are with God.

While immortality is still a significant word in the Masonic Ritual, we must recognize that it is not as common to our speech as it was to the speech of our fathers. In the transition of thought of a generation or two ago, men turned, perhaps with a measure of relief, to the doctrines of scientific materialism. We could break the Universe up into atoms and the various combinations of some eighty-two elements explained the appearance of everything. It is said that Laplace explained his theory of the evolution of the Solar System, to the Emperor Napoleon, who asked the question: "Where in all this does the Deity appear?", and the reply was, "Sire, I have no need of that hypothesis." Incidentally, the Laplacian Hypothesis was taught to us in our childhood. God, a hypothesis, unnecessary to the Universe! With the passing of God went also the idea of immortality and there came in its wake a decided change in our conception of moral values.

From the vantage ground of our time it would seem that a half-century or so ago men wanted to escape from God and Immortality. Perhaps it was this desire that caused them to turn so eagerly to the popular presentation of the works of Charles Darwin and others. Perhaps also it explains the abnormal sales of Guy Thorne's book "When it was Dark," written around the presumed discovery of a tablet which indicated that Jesus did not rise, he rotted. At any rate, it does seem certain that at that time men were glad to escape from God and Immortality.

However, the mind of man is not long satisfied with a thought, and the passion of the scientist drives him ever deeper in his investigation. The solid atom of the past has become a universe in itself, with

more empty space than recognizable material; a group of electrical particles, each in its own orbit but changing that orbit with a variation of energy content. Those who know most about its constitution say that it reveals the planning of a Mathematical Mind, which recalls the familiar phrase, "The Great Geometrician of the Universe." So God comes back, not to His Universe for that he has never left, but to the picture of the Universe in the mind of man.

With God comes back inevitably the thought of Immortality and the ethical consequences of life. There is still a lot of uncertainty about the nature and the meaning of life. The Religious Humanists as distinguished from the Literary Humanists, with a considerable following in some quarters, are teaching that the roots of moral conception and conduct are found in man alone; that no God has made known to man the way in which life should come to its highest realization. The Behaviorists, who are closely allied to the Humanists in some respects, say that there is nothing more in life than the restless random movement of an organism and education that makes for specialization and coordination of those movements. There is no end or purpose of life to which man is inspired to move; there is only the concern of the immediate experience, which might indeed have value in recurrence, or as its mastery contribute to the solution of another problem.

On the other hand there are those who say that life is something more than the pulsation of nerve fibres and the secretion of endocrine glands, even though it does manifest itself in these phenomena. The ethical urge is more than the necessity of solving an immediate problem, it is the search for its solution in the light of an eternal requirement. Right and Wrong do not issue to the desire of the moment, but lie fundamentally embedded in the constitution of the Universe. The moral sense is not only the result of education, although education does clarify it; it arises from the alignment of life with the energy of God expressing itself in His purpose.

It may be said that those who occupy the latter position are standing on the grounds of faith and not of reason. There is some justice in this, but it must be remembered that faith is not the negation of reason. Faith may be very reasonable and stand upon sure foundations. To believe in God is not to ally ourselves with the ignorant. One has only to mention such names as Eddington, Jeans and Milligan among the physicists to show this, for these, and many others as distinguished in other branches of science do not hesitate to express their belief in God. To believe in God vitally and sincerely is to see life as a continuity, binding the effects of isolated experiences into personality, growing in significance, increasing in appreciation, enlarging in its fellowships, finding itself at last in oneness with God. In this process, moreover, we find ethical implications and consequences, that carry us beyond the narrow range of earthly experience and make us part of an eternal purpose, because the fact of God is not satisfied with belief, it demands our devotion, devotion to all that God requires of us. For the accomplishment of this he provides us with all the wealth of His grace and all the power of His love.

For those of our brethren who have passed on in this faith, their work on earth is done, even though the finishing of it is left in our hands. As we remember them may we dedicate ourselves to forsake indifference and accept responsibility until the voice of the Supreme Master calls us to Himself.

Those who have passed from this Grand Jurisdiction into that Celestial Lodge whom we would specially mention here are:

R. W. Bro. Henry H. Gould, charter member of Cornerstone Lodge No. 19, High River, and D.D.G.M. of District No. 6 in 1915—always an active member of the lodge.

V. W. Bro. James W. Loughery, P.M. of King Solomon Lodge No. 41, Cochrane, and Senior Grand Deacon in 1914.

V. W. Bro. Thomas Watson, P.M. of Crescent Lodge No. 87, Calgary, and Junior Grand Deacon in 1935.

V. W. Bro. Wm. Harry Watts of Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106, Wembley, was Grand Organist in 1919. This worthy brother was afflicted with blindness in his latter years, but he maintained his fellowship with the Craft wherever he was.

W. Bro. Rev. Hugh D. McLagan Leach, who was highly respected as a Mason in Saskatchewan and Alberta. His brethren in the ministry twice elected him to the highest office within their power and now they truly miss his genial presence in their gatherings.

Bro. Adam S. McColgan, member of Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15, was the only Mason at whose funeral the present Grand Chaplain officiated.

Since the close of the year we regret to note the passing of R. W. Bro. David McIntosh on February 28th in his eighty-third year, a well known and highly regarded charter member of Unity Lodge No. 51, Edmonton, and its first Master. He was D.D.G.M. in 1916 and for nineteen years was an active Secretary of his lodge.

We have also just received word of the death in Edmonton on June 3rd of R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Wm. G. White, a member of Wahpun Lodge No. 88, High Prairie, who was Grand Chaplain in 1913.

Among those of other Grand Jurisdictions, mention might be made of the loss sustained by West Virginia in the death of M. W. Bro. G. S. Laidley, P.G.M., and Grand Secretary since 1925, and R. W. Bro. W. S. Sugden, Senior Grand Warden—a heavy loss to their Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Michigan lost their Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. I. Savary, in addition to Past Grand Master C. B. Eddy, while eighteen other Grand Lodges have reported deaths of distinguished members.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. HART,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Thos Hart (61), seconded by M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), "That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and the sympathy of Grand Lodge assured to affected lodges and Grand Lodges."

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit to you my report as Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year ending February 28th, 1939:

March 1st, 1938, Cash in Bank		$ 4,006.79
Deposits, General Fund	$15,766.65	
Drought Relief Fund	135.00	
		15,901.65
		$19,908.44
Less:		
Cheques issued, General Account	$12,012.21	
Drought Relief	167.38	
	$12,179.59	
Transfers to Relief and Benevolent Funds (less allowance $1,000.00 for General Expenses)	4,351.75	
		16,531.34
February 28th, 1939, Cash in Bank		$ 3,377.10

A detailed account of above receipts and disbursements is fully set forth in the reports of the Grand Secretary and Auditor.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. DAVIS,
Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. J. Hand (1), "That the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:00 o'clock noon.

First Day = = *Afternoon Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

ELECTION OF GRAND MASTER

The Grand Master having called for nominations for the office of Grand Master, the Grand Secretary stated that one nomination only had been received, being for R. W. Bro. George Moore, D.G.M The Grand Master accordingly declared R. W. Bro. George Moore unanimously elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF ANCIENT YORK RITE WORK

Calgary, June 14, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The Committee on the Revision of the Ancient York Work begs to report as follows:

At the 33rd Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, held at the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, Alberta, June 8th and 9th, 1938, the Board of General Purposes reported: "Ancient York Rite"—"The Grand Secretary reported that a reprinting was necessary and requested instructions. The Board decided that before reprint be ordered, a committee of five be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to consider a revision of the said ritual and report at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge."

This report was received and adopted.

M. W. Bro. A. West, the newly installed Grand Master, appointed the following committee:

M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4), *Chairman*,
M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9),
M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77),
V. W. Bro. F. Whitfield (7),
V. W. Bro. J. S. Stewart (4),
R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, D.G.M., ex-officio.

They were duly notified by the Grand Secretary by letter dated June 25th, 1938. V. W. Bro. Brig. Gen. Stewart found it necessary owing to pressure of other business to resign. The Grand Master then

on September 26th appointed R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone (4) to act in his stead. The composition of this committee, with two in each of the cities of Edmonton in the north, Calgary in the centre and Lethbridge in the south, worked to advantage, as the brethren in each of the cities were able to confer personally with each other and much of the work was done without cost to Grand Lodge.

A short reference to the history of the Grand Lodge of Alberta would not be out of place. At the Second Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge on the 20th February, 1907, O. W. Kealy, the Grand Master, reported he found it necessary to appoint a committee on the "American Rite" because of lack of uniformity and many variations in this Rite. At this time Grand Lodge was working and has ever since worked under two rituals, known now as the "Canadian" and "York" Works, a legacy no doubt from the mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba and due probably to the immigration of many Masons from Eastern Canada and the United States of America. He made the further suggestion of a combined ritual, using the Canadian first degree, the American second degree and either for the third degree, the opening to be in the Canadian Rite and the closing in the American. This met with no favour. A committee appointed on the Canadian Rite found little trouble, but the committee on the Ancient York ritual, under the chairmanship of M. W. Bro E. A. Braithwaite, recommended the appointment of a committee of two and three in more than one place, to report at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

The committee was continued to report at the following Annual Communication, but five new members were added, four of whom, R. W. Bros. Taylor, Blair, English and Connacher, afterwards became Grand Masters.

In 1908 a committee of five with the sitting Masters was again appointed. M. W. Bro. Connacher was made Chairman.

And in 1909 this committee reported progress and in 1910 reported that a draft ritual had been prepared and asked that it be continued to complete the work. This was agreed to by Grand Lodge.

In 1911 the report of the committee that the ritual was in the hands of the printer and would be ready for distribution in a few weeks, and the method of regulation, custody and distribution be the same as used for the Canadian Rite Ritual, was received and adopted.

It will be seen that the work of the committees, mostly under the Chairmanship of M. W. Bro. Connacher, was brought to a happy issue after nearly four years of arduous, unsparing and painstaking toil. This ritual has been used by this Grand Lodge for 28 years. It has been carefully guarded and the hopes of the compilers, especially M. W. Bro. Connacher and M. W. Bro. English, that it would long be used by Grand Lodge, have been amply fulfilled.

It was only when the present issue had been practically exhausted and a reprint became necessary that there was any suggestion in Grand Lodge of a revision.

Your committee, while viewing with much respect the fine work done by the previous committees, has felt that now is an opportune time to revise the present ritual so that it will be more suitable to present conditions. Such changes as have been made and proposed are with this in mind.

It wishes it to be understood in the beginning that no innovations have been proposed, no ancient landmarks removed or unnecessary changes in the wording made. It has endeavored to keep the following principles in mind:

(1) That the principal function of a lodge is to make Masons of those duly qualified. The Masonic Lodge is neither a proselytising agency nor a reform school. It brings together in bands of friendship those who already have the necessary qualifications. This is done by the conferring of degrees. The committee realizes that many wonderful results are incidental to Masonry, but it wishes to emphasize the importance of degree work. The degrees should be bestowed with solemnity and dignity. This cannot be done in a few short minutes nor should the members become weary in well doing.

In this connection through the kindness of several Grand Lodge jurisdictions we were able to compare the length of our ritual with those of others, picked at random throughout the United States of America. We find, for instance, that we take 3½ hours to put on the M. M. Degree, one other takes 3 hours, one 70 minutes and several 2 hours. The other degrees show practically the same results. These figures are significant and the committee has been more or less guided by them. The reductions proposed by the committee will not reduce the time to less than 2 hours, two hours and forty-five minutes being nearer the mark.

(2) The beauty and dignity of the degrees, especially the dramatization in the third degree, should be preserved.

(3) That the present form and wording should be kept and changes should be made only where necessary.

(4) That unnecessary repetition should be avoided.

(5) That lectures should be kept within due bounds.

(6) That "optional" parts should be kept to a minimum.

(7) That while the larger lodges should have an opportunity to express themselves in an impressive manner and with special ceremonies, the degree work as put on by the smaller lodges should be no less dignified and complete, within the limits of their resources.

(8) That any shortening should be confined principally to the examinations and lectures. The committee realizes that many other changes could be suggested that would be advantageous. Even in its own personnel there were many differences of opinion. Yet it also wishes to impress the need for finality. It will welcome, even yet, suggestions that have been overlooked, something that might easily happen, but unless they are vital it would appreciate a sympathetic approach to this report by the members of Grand Lodge generally. The committee also wishes to impress the importance of this report on all members of Grand Lodge, irrespective of the rite they are working under, as it is a matter concerning Grand Lodge as a whole. So it is hoped the "Canadian" rite brethren will express their opinions, offer their advice and cast their votes on the question as one which concerns the whole jurisdiction.

The committee is happy in being able to present its complete report within the space of one year. It did not have to do the prodigious

amount of spade work that fell to the lot of the former committee, but it has given its best endeavors to the work in hand.

The Chairman takes advantage of his position to thank the other members of the committee for their tolerance, their co-operation, patience and intelligent efforts, in bringing the duties imposed on them to a "happy landing." His only hope is that Grand Lodge will treat the report in the same kindly and intelligent manner.

Let it be understood that neither the Chairman nor any member of the committee has any desire to infringe on the undoubted right of Grand Lodge to criticize. On the contrary the committee invites full and unrestricted justified criticism.

The committee begs leave to introduce immediately on this report being received and laid on the table the proposed revised Ancient York Rite Ritual for the necessary action, in order that the resolutions, of which notice of motion have been given, may be fully dealt with by Grand Lodge. In this the committee wishes it to be understood that the mere reception of this report shall not be taken as the adoption of the proposed Revised Ritual without further action by Grand Lodge.

In presenting the resolutions which would follow the reception of this report the committee hopes to set forth clearly and concisely the changes proposed.

Finally, the committee desires to thank the M. W. the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, and Secretaries of other Grand Jurisdictions for their assistance, and all those who have in any way helped by their advice.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

J. A. JACKSON,
A. M. MITCHELL,
J. A. LIVINGSTONE,
F. WHITFIELD,
GEO. MOORE,
Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4), seconded by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), "That the report be laid on the table and discussed."

M. W. Bro. Jackson then explained the method the committee had followed in revising the Work, stating that the other members of the committee would take part in explaining the sections of the Work which had been allotted to them; that all the suggestions which had been received from lodges and individuals had been carefully considered by the committee and some months had been occupied in coming to an agreement on the amendments proposed and which had been distributed to the members of Grand Lodge present. He pointed out that the main effort of the committee had been to reduce the time occupied in conferring degrees without in any way detracting from the beauty and dignity of the Work. The proposed amendments constitute deletions and in some cases portions of the ritual are made optional, practically the only addition to the Work, which is entirely optional, being an alternative second section of the third degree. He requested a care-

ful hearing by Grand Lodge of the explanations by the committee before discussion took place.

R. W. Bro. George Moore presented the changes in the Opening and Closing, followed by V. W. Bro. F. Whitfield with the proposed changes in the first degree and discussion ensued.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. A. Hargreaves (9), seconded by Bro. Wm. Innes (J.W. 9), "That the revision of the York Rite Ritual, as presented to this meeting be tabled until the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and that all lodges be supplied with a copy of same to study."

The motion on being put, was declared "Lost," whereupon Grand Lodge signified the inadvisability of further discussion on the subject. M. W. Bro. Mitchell drew the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact that the alternative section of the third degree had not been included in the list of proposed amendments which had been distributed, and suggested that he be permitted to outline this alternative section, and it was resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone (4), "That the Report of the Committee on the Revision of the York Rite Ritual be received and adopted with the exception of the abridged form of the second section of the third degree, to be dealt with on its merits."

After presentation, it was resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone (4), "That the abbreviated form of the second section of the third degree as presented by M. W. Bro. Mitchell, be adopted as an alternative for the extended form."

The following motions, of which due notice had been given, were then presented:

Moved by M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4), seconded by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell: "That the report of the Special Committee of Grand Lodge appointed by the Grand Master under and by virtue of a resolution of the Board of General Purposes, approved of and adopted by Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication, for the reprinting and revision of the "Ancient York Work" and reporting at the Annual Communication, be received and adopted."

The motion on being put to the meeting was ' Carried.'

Moved by R. W. Bro. George Moore (23), seconded by V. W. Bro. F. Whitfield (7), "That the said "Ancient York Work" so revised and as revised in conformance with the said resolution and as referred to in the said report and as placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary at or before this Communication, be adopted as the official and only official working for the Ancient York Rite in this jurisdiction, as and from the first day of January, 1940 A.D."

The motion on being put was "Carried."

Moved by R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone (4), seconded by V. W. Bro. F. Whitfield (7), "That the Grand Master appoint a special committee to edit, supervise and arrange for the printing of such portions of the said revised Work as it may be proper to print, in a suitable form and in sufficient numbers for use of this Grand Lodge," which was amended by adding the following: "Provided that the said com-

mittee shall have the right to make further amendments as may be approved of by the Grand Master, who may consult the present committee, and provided that the said amendment or amendments do not violate the principle of the revisions now adopted."

The motion, as amended, on being put to the meeting was "Carried"

Moved by V. W. Bro. F. Whitfield (7), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone (4), "That the present ritual may be used either with or instead of the revised ritual until the first day of January, A.D. 1940, but not thereafter, it being understood the lodges may use the new or revised ritual at any time before the said first day of January, A.D. 1940."

The motion on being put was "Carried."

Moved by V. W. Bro. F. Whitfield (7), seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23). "That no further printing of the present York Rite Ritual be done or authorized by Grand Lodge."

Moved by M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4), seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23), "That this committee be discharged."

The motion on being put was "Carried."

It was resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman (16), seconded by R. W. Bro. G. F. Ellis (124), "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson and the members of his committee for their splendid work in connection with the revision of the Ancient York Rite"

M W Bro Jackson replied briefly for the committee thanking the members of Grand Lodge for the fraternal spirit in which they accepted the recommendations of the committee.

GREETINGS FROM MANITOBA

The Grand Master said that he knew R. W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, had an important engagement in Lethbridge and would be obliged to leave shortly, and he would therefore call on him now to address the brethren.

R. W. Bro. Henderson was again given a warm reception when he rose to speak, saying he first wished to express his appreciation to the good brother who introduced him in such a kindly manner and also to the Grand Master for his gracious welcome and his reference to the Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

R. W. Bro. Henderson continued as follows:

"I am just looking over your proceedings and watching the way you do your work. It makes me feel as if I were sitting in my own Grand Lodge. I would like to compliment you on your Temple. We have to meet in an hotel, but you are fortunate in being able to convene your Grand Lodge in your own Temple.

"I was very pleased with your address, M. W. Sir. I cannot very well make notes as I would like to on the several points raised, but I would like to mention the visit of Their Majesties, the King and Queen

to Canada and the United States. This Royal Tour has contributed very materially to good will between the Mother Country and Canada and I think we might do much worse than spread that good will we have, internationally with the United States. It has been a wonderful work and I think it has furnished our lodges with a desire to celebrate special occasions, such as Empire Night and meetings with the brethren of different jurisdictions. And so we see the reason why the Grand Lodge of Manitoba changed tne date of its Annual Communication to permit of an interchange of visits. Alberta and Manitoba for years met on the same day, thus preventing our Grand Lodge officers from visiting your Grand Lodge and when the matter was presented to our Grand Lodge last year, we unanimously agreed to change our date. We had the pleasure of a visit from you, M. W. Sir, at our Annual Communication a week ago, and I am very happy to be with you today to return that visit.

"When I was attending the meeting of your Board of General Purposes yesterday, and here I must thank them for the warmth of the reception I received, I noted that it was mentioned that a total of $11,000.00 was granted in benevolence last year. As Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry in Manitoba, I find that we are not very different from you, as our own figures show that we disbursed some $10,000.00. I presume the same system prevails here with regard to the individual case and that the lodge contributes a similar amount for benevolence. We must have organization and funds it we are to take care of our unfortunate brethren and their dependents. I know we do well in the assistance rendered these brethren, but we seem to think that we have fulfilled our obligations when this is done and leave the matter up to the Committee on Benevolence But there may be in your own town or city a brother who is sick or in need and it seems to me that a wonderful work can be done by visiting such, thus helping the work of the committee in taking care of these cases.

"Brethren, you may say to me that we meet in lodge and there do everything we can to make a strange brother feel that he belongs, but do we ever ask him, 'Is there anything we can do for you?' I often think of the time I was in a foreign city. I was resting on a bench when a kindly looking gentleman came up to me, saying he was hungry for a hand shake. Don't be afraid to see to it that a lonely brother is made to feel that he is among friends. To each of you I am coming with a hand shake from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, right from the heart of our Grand Master, and we trust that your communication will accomplish much good work and that we may be honored with a visit from your Grand Master at our next Annual Communication."—(Applause).

The fifteen D.D.G.M.'s present gave a brief outline of the condition of Masonry in their respective districts and presented their official reports, which follow:

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, April 29th, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor herewith to present for your consideration and approval my report as your Deputy for Masonic District No. 1 for the year commencing June 9th, 1938.

My first duty after Installation was a very pleasant one. Four days after taking over the reins of office from my predecessor, Lodge Renfrew No. 134 had a farewell meeting for R. W. Bro. L. Stewart Irvine, P.D.D.G.M., who left Calgary for Victoria, B.C. This was rather a unique meeting, attended by yourself, M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman, P.G.M., the Deputy Grand Master, Junior Grand Warden, the Grand Secretary, several past D.D.G.M.'s and most of the Masters of the lodges in District No. 1. Many tributes of respect and esteem were expressed to R. W. Bro. Irvine and to his District Secretary, V. W. Bro. Harry Bonn. R. W. Bro. Irvine was also presented with a P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia by his brethren of Lodge Renfrew.

My first official visit was made to my own lodge, Calgary No. 23, on a hot evening in June, and I was deeply impressed by the large number of my brethren who turned out on that occasion to give me a royal send-off on my official duties, also the number of Grand Officers who were present, including the Deputy Grand Master, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Organist and past D.D.G.M.'s, R. W. Bros. Peel, Truesdale and Noble.

At the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, my first official act was the investing of V. W. Bro. P. Logie, of Crescent Lodge No. 87, as Grand Steward, on June 28th. I also had the pleasure of investing V. W. Bro. T. H. Beach, of Gleichen Lodge No. 36, as Grand Steward.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was a very important event in my year of office and was held on October 15th, 1938. I am free to admit that this meeting gave me a great deal of concern and anxiety. I made a departure from the usual custom of having afternoon and evening business sessions, having all the business transacted in the afternoon, and I also arranged for the presentation of a one-act Masonic Play, entitled "The Greatest of These," which was favorably received by the brethren present. I would like at this time to again express my gratitude to the brethren of King George Lodge No. 59 who so ably presented this beautiful play. I would also express appreciation to W. Bro. O. H. E. Might and the

officers of Perfection Lodge No. 9, who occupied the chairs for the opening and closing of the District Meeting. Our Grand Master in paying our District Meeting an official visit was accompanied by the Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. Geo. Ellis, J.G.W.; R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis, G.T.; R. W. Bro. F. Hand, G.R.; V. W. Bro. H. Bonn, J.G.D.; M. W. Bros. S. J. Blair, W. M. Connacher, V. H. Macaulay, and R. W. Bros. W. M. Peel, F. Truesdale, W. Noble and J A. Hargreaves.

Both the afternoon and evening sessions were well attended and I was pleased to hear many expressions of approval from the brethren present. The election of W. Bro. E. Stanley Tharp, of Zetland Lodge No. 83, as D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year was a very popular one and I am sure District No. 1 will be well served by my successor in office during the year 1939-40. The evening session took the form of a Banquet with 139 brethren present. R. W. Bro. George Ellis, J.G.W., very ably occupied the position of Chairman. An interesting program, including fine orchestral numbers, a musical duet and a tenor solo, were enjoyed by all. We also were privilged to hear a very interesting address from the Grand Master, giving the high lights of his trip to Eastern Canada with the distinguished brethren from England, Ireland and Scotland, which was much appreciated and enjoyed. R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming showed us some beautiful moving pictures in technicolor with explanations of his trip to the British Isles and the Continent.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Under the heading of Special Events it is hard to pick out a few to mention and if I describe them all this report would be too lengthy. On July 28th a large number of brethren from this district attended a reception at the Palliser Hotel given by our Grand Lodge to the distinguished brethren from England, Ireland and Scotland who were passing through Calgary. Being an Irishman I found the representatives from the Grand Lodge of Ireland most interesting. I had a very pleasant conversation with Lord Farnham, who is Provincial Grand Master for Meath, in which district is my mother lodge. I was greatly interested in having the honor of being presented to such a distinguished person. I was also delighted to meet Dr. Thrift who is Provost of Trinity College in Dublin. He was kind enough to express his pleasure at meeting me as he is very well acquainted with my brother in Ireland.

On August 22nd I made a visit outside District No. 1 to Standard Lodge No. 152, at the request of King George Lodge No. 59. This was their annual "Andy Davison Night." Standard Lodge was in District No. 1 eleven years ago when R. W. Bro. A. Davison was D.D.G.M. for this district and every year since they have had a special night for this anniversary which is a very fine tribute to R. W. Bro. Davison's ability and popularity.

On October 22nd I made my official visit to Cascade Lodge No. 5 and this was also the occasion of their Inter-Provincial visit and was very largely attended by brethren from Alberta and British Columbia. This is a very popular night, for the Calgary brethren accompanied me in large numbers and speaks highly for the hospitality of the Banff brethren.

On November 3rd I was honored by an invitation to be present at the 25th Anniversary of Zetland Lodge No. 83. This was a very enjoyable night. The brethren of Zetland Lodge have always had the

reputation for being wonderful hosts and on this occasion they put on a program which was not only a credit to the lodge but also a feature of District No. 1. The event was held at the Renfrew Club; dinner was served at 7:00 o'clock and the program started at 8:00 o'clock with W. Bro. R. H. Weir as Chairman. M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, P.G.M., gave an historical resume of Zetland Lodge in his usual inimitable manner. Answering the roll call of city members, 147 out of 173 members responded. A large number of out-of-town members were also present, coming from as far east as Winnipeg, R. W. Bro. Yarnell making the trip and I was delighted to meet him again. It was an occasion which will long be remembered by those present.

On November 10th I made my official visit to Ashlar Lodge No. 28, on the occasion of an Entertainment for the Children of Wood's Christian Home. A delightful program was presented by the children and a wonderful banquet provided by the lodge, including candies, favors, etc., for the children and also a beautiful bouquet for Mrs. Woods. I would like to extend, on your behalf, M. W. Sir, congratulations to Ashlar Lodge for this very fine Masonic work.

Most of the lodges have special nights, including "Canada Night" "Irish Night," "Burns' Night," "English Night," Civic Night," "Railway Night," etc., all of which are properly conducted and greatly enjoyed.

CONDITION OF MASONRY

Under the heading of Condition of Masonry I am pleased to report that all the lodges in District No. 1 are in a healthy condition, applications for affiliation and initiation are increasing and the Masters and their Officers are very enthusiastic and diligent in the performance of their duties. The conferring of degrees, which I have been privileged to witness, have been without exception conducted in a very dignified and impressive manner and judging by the effective way in which the junior officers discharged their duties I am sure the work of conferring degrees and conducting the business of the various lodges is in very safe and capable hands for the future.

Considering the district from a numerical standpoint, we find a net decrease of 52 over the 1937 period, there being a resident membership of 1,710 and a non-resident membership of 545. Forty-four Entered Apprentices were received, an increase of 17 over the previous year; 22 members affiliated, an increase of 6; 10 members were restored to full membership, while 44 dimits were issued, a decrease of 11 over 1937; and 22 members were called to the Grand Lodge Above.

The Financial Statements sent in by the different lodges show Liquid Assets of $25,273.77; Liabilities, $28,380.41 (a reduction of over $7,000.00); Total Assets over Liabilities, $147,296.63, an appreciable gain over the previous period.

While the number of members in arrears show a decrease of 15, it is evident that individual lodges are grappling with this very serious problem and assisted by the provision of the new Constitution of Grand Lodge there is no doubt the statistics of the future will show this vexed problem gradually effacing itself. The $6,017.29 still on the books as arrearages must handicap some of the lodges in their financial arrangements, but I understand a considerable amount of these arrears have since been collected.

Prior to December last I visited officially each of the lodges in the district and on every hand sentiments of loyalty and goodwill were expressed to the Grand Master and to Grand Lodge. As your representative I received every courtesy and respect at each visit. I herewith present a list of the short talks I gave at the different lodges on my official visits:

Irish Masonry—A history of Masonry in Ireland from 1725.

Masonic Wages—Service performed in the true spirit of Freemasonry bring in its train its own reward, its own wages.

Solomon and the Queen of Sheba—An historical account of the visit of the famous Queen to King Solomon's Temple.

Masonry and Masons—A study of Active and Passive Masonry.

The Usefulness of Masons—The value of Masonry to every class in the community.

Our Foreign Relations—The progress of the Craft in Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Rumania, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, British Isles and Africa.

Star and Garter—A comparison of badges proving the principles of Masonry.

Examinations of Visitors—The correct way to receive visitors on fraternal visits.

Dutch Masonry—An historic account of Masonry in the jurisdiction of the Kingdom of Netherlands from 1731.

The Brotherhood of the Essens—The celebration of St. John the Baptist day, June 24th, recalls the life of this sect.

Sympathetic Understanding—An introspection of conditions within the Craft.

The First Degree—The lessons of this degree and the impressions on the candidate.

The Grand Master's Defection—An account of the life of the Marquis of Ripon and the influence that decided his course of action.

In conclusion, M. W. Sir, may I say that it has been a great privilege to serve you I appreciate very much the honor that the brethren of District No. 1 conferred on me in electing me as their D.D.G.M. and hope that my efforts have merited your approval as well as the approbation of the brethren in this district. I have tried to discharge the duties of my office to the best of my ability.

To the District Secretary, W. Bro. George Cromie, I cannot find words with which suitably to express my sincere appreciation. He has been a tower of strength to me during the entire year and I believe it is brethren like W. Bro. Cromie who give unstintingly of their time and ability to the welfare of the Craft, who contribute so much to the success of Grand Lodge in particular and Masonry in general.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT G. THOMPSON,
D.D.G.M. District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Redcliff, May 8, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of the various lodges and Masonry in general in Masonic District No. 2 for the year 1938-39.

First of all, I wish to thank the brethren of Masonic District No. 2 for the great honor they conferred on me in appointing me to act as your Deputy in this district for the period under review; a position which I have considered as a great honor in being your representative, and also as affording a wonderful opportunity to serve the great Order to which we belong. I wish to thank, also, the members of Quarry Lodge No. 70 who supported me so charitably on my official visits to the various lodges in this district. No one in my position ever had greater support. I wish also to thank M. W. Bro. J. R. W. Cann who acted as District Secretary during my term of office His assistance has been greatly appreciated, and has contributed largely to the lessening of the burden of the duties which present themselves to one in my position.

It is my pleasure to report that, for the first time in a large number of years, the membership of Masonic district No. 2 shows an increase instead of a decrease. This fact is most gratifying even though the increase is small.

With one or two exceptions, the financial condition of the constituent lodges is very good. Some are in excellent shape. In this connection, I wish to submit the following statistics:

The total of the Liquid Assets of the Lodges is $14,718.91.
The total of the Liabilities of the Lodges is $1,420.75.
The excess of the Assets over Liabilities amounts to $26,059.01.

The condition set forth by these figures has shown a steady improvement for a number of years in every case.

The amount paid out in Benevolence was $945.44.
Total Insurance in force amounts to $15,800.00.
Lodges owning their building, 2; renting, 6.

I was able to visit each lodge in the district once, and several of them more than once. The dates of my official visits are as follows:

Manyberries Lodge No. 133	September 21, 1938
Bassano Lodge No. 55	October 11, 1938
Quarry Lodge No. 70	November 1, 1938
Bow Island Lodge No. 64	November 15, 1938
Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2	March 14, 1939
Mizpah Lodge No. 35	March 21, 1939
Grassy Lake No. 57	April 13, 1939
Brooks Lodge No. 73	April 18, 1939

The District Meeting was held in Medicine Hat on October 26th The Officers of Mizpah Lodge No. 35 presided at the opening and the

various Grand Lodge Officers were received in form. On that occasion, we were honored by the presence of yourself and a large number of D.D G.M.'s You may recall that the afternoon session was marked by numerous lively discussions on subjects submitted to the Question Box, and I am glad to report that definite progress has been made in rectifying the matter of conflicting lodge meetings. The reports of the Masters of the lodges brought forth numerous commendatory remarks. During the afternoon, R. W. Bro. J. A. Bell was presented with a Past D.D.G.M.'s Jewel in appreciation of his services as D.D.G.M. for the year 1937-38. Just before the meeting was closed by the officers of Quarry Lodge No. 70, . Bro. H. J. Scott of Grassy Lake was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1939-40. In the evening, a large number of brethren sat down to an excellent supper. This was followed by an entertaining program. Your District Deputy heard numerous flattering remarks of appreciation of yourself and the address which you delivered on that occasion. During the evening the members were treated to a very interesting display of motion pictures of Europe by R. W. Bro. A D. Cumming of Calgary.

On September 21st, accompanied by practically all the resident members of Quarry Lodge, I visited Manyberries Lodge No. 133. I found the books and records in very capable hands, up to date and in excellent shape. The lodge finances are in good shape and there is a comfortable credit balance in the bank. The esprit de corp of the members of this lodge is wonderful. They travel long distances over rough country roads to attend their meetings; and their average attendance is fairly high. The third degree was exemplified in a most efficient manner after their candidate had passed his examination very creditably. The officers of this lodge are very capable, and, outside of a few minor suggestions, I offered nothing but praise for their efficiency and the wonderful Masonic spirit which permeated the members.

I received a very kind invitation from Bassano Lodge No. 55 to visit them on October 11th, and, in company with a goodly number of brethren from Redcliff, I made my official visit on that date. As you are aware, this lodge suffered a loss from fire in February, 1938. Their recovery, however, has been phenomenal. Their Lodge Room has been completely renewed and is a credit to them. In addition, their financial statement shows a very fine improvement; due to the disappearance of a very substantial mortgage on their property. During the evening, the Master and his officers conferred the first degree on two candidates in a very capable manner. The rebuilding of their Hall and a generous supply of candidates has given this lodge fresh vigor, and I found an excellent spirit pervading the members. W. Bro. W. H. Harper is serving his second term as Master and both he and his officers are to be congratulated on their efficiency. The books and records are in good shape.

On November 1st, I officially visited Quarry Lodge No. 70 in Redcliff. There was an excellent turn-out of Past Masters and other members. This lodge had the misfortune to lose its Master quite early in the year, but the Senior Warden has taken charge in his stead and has appointed a Past Master to the East for each meeting. This absence of the Master has been beneficial in that it has compelled the Past Masters to refresh themselves in the duties of the Master. There was no degree work but the business was carried out in an efficient manner. The books and records are in capable hands and are well kept. The Historical Register, a compilation by W. Bro. J. R. W. Cann, is com-

plete in every detail and is a credit to its author. This lodge is not very strong, but is weathering the depression in a commendable manner. It has a good number of candidates for 1938.

On November 15th, I visited Bow Island Lodge No. 64. There was no degree work but the business was carried out very efficiently. The books and records are in capable hands and are in good shape. This lodge is in the centre of an agricultural community which still feels the detrimental effects of the economic depression. When normal conditions return for the western farmer, it should flourish again. However, the lodge is in good shape financially and, while the membership has decreased, there was an exceptionally fine and optimistic spirit shown by the brethren in attendance.

On March 14th, 1939, I officially visited Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2. There was an exceptionally fine turn-out of the members of this lodge and of visitors from Mizpah Lodge No. 35 and Quarry Lodge No. 70. The second degree was exemplified by a selected group of members who were employed by the C.P.R. A member of the Brotherhood was the candidate. The whole degree was exceptionally well done, which was in keeping with the traditions of No. 2. This lodge is very capably officered and their debates are lively and thorough. The financial condition of the lodge is sound and they own their Hall. The members take a keen interest in the sick, whether belonging to their lodge or not; and the amount expended on benevolence is never small. The Past Masters give wonderful support and are very active in District Masonic affairs.

On March 21st, I officially visited Mizpah Lodge No. 35. It was the intention of the Master to confer the second degree on an out-of-town candidate. Unfortunately, inclement weather prevented him from being present. However, I have witnessed degree work in this lodge on numerous occasions and cannot speak too highly of it. The Master and his officers are very efficient and capable, and every aspect of the lodge is to be admired. The books and records are in an exceptionally well kept condition, and it was a pleasure to examine them.

The harmony which exists between the two Medicine Hat lodges is a very praiseworthy feature, and should not be overlooked. The officers and members work harmoniously together whenever an occasion presents itself. Their Committees on Research provide numerous entertaining and instructive evenings.

On April 15th, I officially visited Grassy Lake Lodge No. 57. An outstanding feature of this meeting was the number of visitors, no less than five different lodges being represented. The fraternal spirit exhibited by these visitors is to be highly commended. It was on a par with the hospitality of the members of the lodge.

Grassy Lake Lodge is not very strong financially, nor in number. The results of the economic depression are also in evidence here; but the courage and spirit of the members is still very high and is an excellent tonic for members of other lodges. No degree work was exemplified; but the Master and his officers appear to be very capable. The books and records are up to date and well kept. The business of the meeting was carried out very efficiently, and the discussions were very interesting and of a high order.

My last official visit was to Brooks Lodge No. 73. I made this visit on April 18th, in company with a good representation of brethren from

Redcliff. At this meeting the first degree was conferred on two candidates. The work was exceptionally well done and very impressive. The Master and his officers appear to be very capable and efficient. Brooks Lodge is in excellent shape financially. The members own their hall without any incumberances, and it is well furnished. They also have a very substantial benevolent fund. The books and records of this lodge are in capable hands and are in excellent shape. Their Historical Register is an exceptionally fine one, showing great enthusiasm. The percentage attendance of the resident members at their meetings is very high. They have had quite a number of candidates and their prospects are bright.

In conclusion, allow me to again express my appreciation for having the privilege of being your representative in Masonic District No. 2.

Fraternally submitted,

R. C. HARGRAVE,
D.D.G.M. District No.2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Stony Plain, April 25, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report as your Deputy in Masonic District No. 3 for the year 1938-39.

I have visited officially all the lodges in my district at least once and some of them more frequently unofficially. On all my visits I was received with the greatest courtesy and I am not unmindful of the generous hospitality of which I was the recipient.

I found a fine fraternal atmosphere pervading among the brethren and most cordial relations existing between the lodges themselves. I did not have the advantage of seeing degree work on all my visits but where such work was not conferred or exemplified I had reason to believe from the manner in which lodge business was attended to that the officers would be equally competent in ritualistic work. Criticism was made in a friendly way on some occasions but generally speaking there was little room for this. I had no knotty problems to solve.

Membership of the lodges in my district has remained steady, the statistics showing a total of 1,083, or an increase of only one over the previous year. There have, however, been twenty-one candidates initiated and seventeen affiliates received, the decrease being due to death suspension, etc.

Attendance at lodge has not been all it might have been but I am glad to observe from Lodge Notices that attempts are being made to render the meetings more interesting and educationally and socially more beneficial, which I trust will result in improved attendance. I have tried to impress on my hearers the need for safe and sane thinking

in the crises which are daily occurring in the world around us and the responsibility which rests on every brother with respect to them.

My official visits were as follows:

Jasper Park Lodge No. 143.....3rd September, 1938
Star of the West Lodge No. 34 .....4th October, 1938
Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15..... . ..17th November, 1938
Unity Lodge No. 51.....15th November, 1938
Edmonton Lodge No. 7.....14th February, 1939
Edson Lodge No. 68.....6th April, 1939
Commercial Lodge No. 81.....7th April, 1939
Meridian Lodge No. 129.....12th April, 1939

Some features connected with my visit to Jasper Park Lodge are, I think, unique and I believe worthy of passing mention. The meeting was honoured by the presence of yourself, M. W. Sir, and also by a visit from His Honour, Brother John C Bowen, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province who delivered a fervent and much appreciated address on "Patriotism." It was a further pleasure to receive a large number of visitors from widely distant lodges as follows: Six brethren each from Edmonton Lodge No 7 and Meridian Lodge No. 129, three visitors from Edson Lodge No. 68 and one brother from each of the following: Strathcona No. 77, Commercial No. 81, Patricia No. 91, Saskatchewan No. 92, Cascade No. 5, St. Alban's No. 145, Acme No. 60, Tawatinaw No. 71, and Manyberries No. 133, all in your own Grand Jurisdiction, Canada Lodge No. 3527, London, England; Ancient Lodge No. 49, Dundee, Scotland; Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371, Ottawa; Doric Lodge No. 71 and St. George Lodge No. 136, both of Moose Jaw and Herbert Lodge No. 180, Saskatchewan, truly an example in miniature of the universality of the Science. Our week-end visit was rounded off by delightful trips to the Columbia Ice Fields and to Pocohontas Hot Springs.

DISTRICT MEETING

This was held in conjunction with that of Masonic District No. 12 in the Masonic Temple at Edmonton on 8th October, 1938, under the joint presidency of R. W. Bro. Wilby and myself. Although all the lodges in District No. 3 were represented, the attendance cannot be described as other than fair. A new departure from the usual routine at such meetings was a series of questions and answers and discussions on the floor of the lodge by teams from various lodges in the district on previously selected topics under the supervision of M. W. Bro. Martland and V. W. Bro. Whitfield, acting for the Custodians of the Work. This innovation was most favorably received and commented upon by the brethren present and it is hoped that they communicated to their lodges the favorable impressions to which they gave voice at the meeting. My hearty thanks are due to all those who assisted in the feature and to all the brethren who in any way contributed to the success of the District Meeting.

A short recess was called for the election of a District Deputy Grand Master when W. Bro. Lorne M. Muir of Edmonton Lodge No. 7 was unanimously selected as my successor, and I bespeak for him the same kindly consideration which was accorded to me.

At dinner after the meeting we were favored with an earnest and thoughtful address by the Grand Master.

ADMINISTRATION

I find that the business affairs of all the lodges are well attended to, books and records being in good order and the Historical Registers up to date. With one exception the Secretaries are all experienced Past Masters—which is well.

EDUCATION

Since the advent of the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* in its new form I find that it is becoming more perused and appreciated. One lodge forwards a copy monthly to each of its members, a practice which is to be commended. An increase in addresses on Masonic topics and varied programmes of a general and social nature is also to be noted. Good work is done through intervisitation of lodges the smaller ones in particular welcoming these opportunities of fraternal intercourse.

I have more than once suggested an occasional perusal of the Ancient Charges and a more intimate acquaintance with the Constitution of Grand Lodge, the By-Laws of the lodge and the rulings of Grand Masters as they are found in the Proceedings. This would, no doubt, save time in discussion in the lodge room and result in less frequent reference to the Grand Secretary on points already dealt with in the Constitution.

APPRECIATION

I would like first of all to express my deep obligations to you, M. W. Sir, for your presence and support at several of my visits and I can assure you of the loyalty and devotion of all the brethren to Grand Lodge and to the Grand Master.

I am further indebted to the Edmonton brethren and also to the members of my own lodge some of whom accompanied me on every visit and eased transportation problems.

My especial thanks are also due to V. W. Bro. Whitfield who acted as District Secretary in his usual courteous and efficient manner. His wonderful attention to matters of detail relieved me of much responsibility.

In conclusion I have to thank the Masons of the district for the honour which they conferred on me. I am conscious of many shortcomings but I hope that I have not come too far short of their expectations. It has been a pleasure to me to co-operate with them in an endeavour to uphold and maintain the tenets and principles of the Craft.

Fraternally submitted.

JAS. MALLOCH,
D.D.G.M. District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Carstairs, May 4th, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 4.

I have visited officially each lodge in this district and several at other times unofficially. There is a fine spirit prevailing and I deeply appreciate the hospitality and courtesy shown to me on my visits as your Deputy. I had the pleasure of seeing many fine young men receive light in Masonry and I feel sure that we can look to the future with confidence. I should like to see a greater effort made to instruct our younger brethren in the symbolic beauty of our Work. I found the *Bulletin* very helpful to the lodges.

Lochearn Lodge No. 151 is making good progress towards obtaining suitable premises of their own. Their building fund had reached $1,200.00 on my visit Mountain View No. 16 have appointed a committee to report on a similar undertaking. Bowden Lodge No. 42 have greatly improved their premises and have now a stuccoed building and very comfortable lodge room of their own.

An illuminated address was presented to M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman by his lodge, Mountain View No. 16. At this meeting Bro. A. Dargie was congratulated on the 84th anniversary of his birth. He is still a faithful attendant at lodge.

It gives me pleasure to record the feeling of good will between brethren of lodges as evidence by the number of visitors present at meetings. Opportunities for fellowship are well worth while and should be encouraged. Invariably such meetings, besides the good feeling which prevails, bring out something both interesting and instructive.

Membership shows a small increase for 1938. The amount shown as expended for charity does not give a true story as a considerable amount is expended by individual members, which does not show in lodge accounts.

The annual District Meeting was held at Red Deer. We had the pleasure of listening to a very interesting address by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. West, on his visit to Nova Scotia. Time was allowed at this meeting in order that the brethren have the opportunity to renew friendships and also to become acquainted with other members.

Dr. W. A. Henry, Lacombe, was elected D.D.G.M.

I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 4 for the friendly spirit and co-operation accorded to me during my term of office and also to express my appreciation to the brethren of my own lodge who accompanied me on my visits. Especially do I feel grateful to R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, Secretary of District No. 4, who was present with me on every official visit. Thorough and earnest, with a complete knowledge of the work and business of the lodge, R. W. Bro. Jackson has given ready and valuable service to this district during the last eight years.

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. GOUGH,
D.D.G.M. District No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Hughenden, April 24, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Fifth Masonic District for the year 1938-39.

I am pleased to be able to report that conditions throughout the district are greatly improved over that of 1937, the whole district being favored with a fairly good crop. There has been plenty of feed and relief has been reduced to about the normal amount.

The membership of the district still continues to show a decrease, but less than that for the previous year. During the year 1937 the net decrease was eleven while that for the year 1938 was five. The increase in membership was eighteen, nine by initiation, eight by affiliation, and one restored, while the decrease of twenty-three was nine by dimit, thirteen by suspension for N.P.D. and only one, I am pleased to report, by death. However, I have every hope that the year 1939 will show an increase in membership for the Fifth Masonic District.

Financially, the condition of the lodges is satisfactory although two are quite weak in this respect but they inform me that their revenue will be sufficient to take care of their expenses. Eight of the lodges show an increase in their net liquid assets over 1937 while three of the four which show a decrease have still a good substantial cash balance. Total liquid assets have increased by $189.14. Liabilities decreased by $221.25 while total assets over liabilities show a decrease of $367.89 compared with 1937 statement.

The number of members in arrears have decreased from 177 to 153, with a corresponding decrease in the total amount of arrears of dues.

The annual meeting of the Fifth Masonic District was held in the United Church, Hughenden, on Monday, October 10th, 1938, with a slight decrease in attendance from the 1937 meeting at Forestburg, due in some respect to the farm work at that time of year. A number did not attend due to the fact that the meeting was held on Thanksgiving Day when they wished to be at home with their families. I would recommend that future meetings be not held on Thanksgiving Day.

We were honored on this occasion by your presence, M. W. Sir, also M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, P.G.M., R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Thomas Hart, Grand Chaplain and several P.D.D.G.M.'s, together with R. W. Bro. John Fletcher D.D.G.M. of District No. 17.

The meeting was opened by the Officers of Provost Lodge No. 61 after which the Grand Lodge Officers were received and welcomed in form. The afternoon was taken up with the reports of the nine different lodges which were represented at the meeting, most of which showed

encouraging progress. There were several questions in the Question Box which were answered by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Three brethren of Provost Lodge No. 61 gave an exemplification of an "Examination of a Visitor," the visiting brother, R. W. Bro. Fiske, representing a non-affiliated brother who had not been asked to pass a Board of Examiners for twenty years. This proved very interesting, instructive and humorous.

Brethren from Harmony Lodge No. 75, Sedgewick, exemplifed an examination of a Master Elect by a Board of Examiners which was very interesting and instructive.

The Grand Master commended the brethren of both lodges for their work.

A vote of appreciation was extended to R. W. Bro. Hans Farvolden for his splendid work during his term of office as D.D.G.M. also to M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell for his splendid work and untiring efforts in editing the *Grand Lodge Bulletin*.

A Thanksgiving Dinner was served in the Hall by the Ladies' Aid of the United Church and the Women's Auxiliary of the Holy Trinity Church, followed by the usual programme of toasts. At this point I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the brethren who contributed to this part of our programme.

During the evening session R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Thomas Hart, Grand Chaplain, addressed the brethren stressing the fundamentals of Masonry, which was very much enjoyed by all. Our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. West, then delivered a very inspiring and instructive address on "Masonry, Thanksgiving Day and Peace," and M. W. Bro. Downey, gave a very interesting and instructive address, taking as his subject, "York Rite."

By standing in silent tribute the brethren expressed a sincere sense of loss in the death of V. W. Bro. Frank Grandage of Morning Star Lodge No. 79, Lougheed, who, for so many years, was a faithful attendant at our District Meetings.

The brethren also expressed regret that our Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, was not in attendance at our meeting and hoped that he would be able to attend the next meeting of District No. 5.

V. W. Bro. Oscar McCune of Morning Star Lodge No. 79, Lougheed, was elected as D.D.G.M. of the Fifth Masonic District for the year 1939-40, subject to confirmation by Grand Lodge, and Lougheed was chosen as the place of the next District Meeting.

The District Meeting was then closed in peace and harmony by the officers of Morning Star Lodge, No. 79.

I can assure the brethren of Provost Lodge No. 61, Harmony Lodge No. 75 and Morning Star Lodge No. 79 that I am most grateful for their kind assistance and also to the Grand Lodge Officers in helping to make our meeting so interesting and instructive. I also wish to extend my sincere thanks to the members of Efficiency Lodge No. 141 and all the brethren present, also to Bro. D. M. Esplen who so kindly acted as Secretary of the District Meeting.

My official visits were as follows:

Morning Star Lodge No. 79, Lougheed	June 20th, 1938
Forestburg Lodge No. 128, Forestburg	October 26th, 1938
Harmony Lodge No. 75, Sedgewick	November 7th, 1938
Efficiency Lodge No. 141, Hughenden	December 5th, 1938
Comet Lodge No. 50, Hardisty	March 9th, 1939
Coal Lodge No. 62, Bawlf	March 16th, 1939
Alliance Lodge No. 135, Alliance	April 5th, 1939
Excelsior Lodge, No. 80, Strome	April 6th, 1939
Melrose Lodge No. 139, Daysland	April 11th, 1939
Camrose Lodge No 37, Camrose	April 13th, 1939
Tuscan Lodge No. 43, Killam	April 14th, 1939
Provost Lodge No. 61, Provost	April 19th, 1939

I can assure you M W. Sir that on all my visits I was most cordially and respectfully received as your representative and that peace, harmony and a splendid Masonic spirit prevails throughout the Fifth Masonic District.

I have made four visits to Morning Star Lodge No. 79, Lougheed, and have witnessed all three degrees conferred and the third on two occasions and I can assure you that the Work was done in a very creditable manner and that this lodge has made wonderful progress. They have taken in five new members by initiation in the past year, all of whom are young men and will, I am sure, prove a credit to the Masonic Institution. On the occasion of my official visit the Master, W. Bro. McCune conferred the first degree on his son. I visited this lodge again in July and had the pleasure of seeing W. Bro. J. H. Walmsley raise his son

On June 27th, 1938, I had the very great pleasure of attending the celebration of the twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Consecration of Harmony Lodge No 75, Sedgewick, which was attended by the M. W. the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell and several P.D.D.G.M.'s and Grand Lodge Officers and brethren from every lodge in the Fifth Masonic District and many from outside this district, 118 brethren being registered.

The brethren of Harmony Lodge are to be congratulated for the success of this very important event. On my official visit to this lodge I had the pleasure of witnessing the third degree conferred in a splendid manner.

My year of office as your representative, M. W. Sir, has been a most pleasant and profitable experience to me and in conclusion may I express my sincere gratitude to the brethren of the district for the honor conferred on me by electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and for the very cordial and friendly manner in which they have received me on my official visits and I only hope that, at least in some respect, I have merited their confidence.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. COCHRANE,
D.D.G.M. District No. 5.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Nanton, May 20, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report on the condition of Masonry in the Sixth Masonic District for the year 1938-39.

As your representative I have always been received with honor and treated with respect. The work has been a great pleasure to me and I hope it has been a help to the Craft.

Our District Meeting was held at Nanton on November 1st and most lodges in the district were well represented. I tried to make the program both instructive and interesting. It was with regret, M. W. Sir, that we learned you were unable to attend. However, we were honored by the attendance of eight Grand Lodge Officers including three Past Grand Masters There were also eleven Past District Deputies and twenty-eight Past Masters among the other officers and members present.

The afternoon session was devoted to the reception of Grand Lodge Officers, reports of the various lodges in the district, addresses and exemplification of short portions of the Work.

A sumptuous dinner was served at six o'clock which was followed by a short program of toasts.

The evening session included unfinished business and addresses by R. W. Bro. Ireland and R. W. Bro. George Moore, Deputy Grand Master. R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming was present and we had the pleasure of seeing technicolor pictures taken by him during a recent trip to Europe, which were thoroughly enjoyed.

W. Bro. C. Forckel of Corinthian Lodge No. 22 was elected D.D. G.M. for the coming year. The next District Meeting will be held at Okotoks.

Officially I visited each lodge in my district once as follows:

February 7th	Corinthian No. 22, Okotoks
February 9th	Nanton No. 17, Nanton
February 16th	Cornerstone No. 19, High River
February 21st	Cairo No. 32, Claresholm
March 7th	Stavely No. 33, Stavely
April 13th	Joppa No. 40, Granum

I also made friendly visits to most of the lodges, to become better acquainted with the officers and brethren.

All lodges are carrying on well, though in some cases have difficult conditions to contend with. The two largest lodges in the district, Corinthian No. 22 and Cornerstone No. 19, are doing very good work indeed. Being close to the Turner Valley oil fields they receive considerable benefits from there and are working on candidates nearly all the time. Both have fine lodge rooms and an energetic membership. The

lodges further south find progress slower and there is an inclination to reduce the initiation fees to some extent. However, I am glad to report that of the six lodges in this district four have degree work to put on at the present time.

Cairo No. 32, Stavely No. 33 and Joppa No. 40 usually have a joint installation of officers and have changed their elections from December to June hoping to have more suitable weather for this occasion. I had hoped to attend their installation last December, but the weather was too severe.

I find all the lodges in this district in the hands of very capable officers who are well able to carry on the ancient traditions of Masonry. Much praise is due many of these officers who have given freely of their time and energy for years to aid the Craft.

Outside my district I was pleased to attend the District Meeting of Masonic District No. 11 which was held on October 31st at Carmangay, under the able supervision of R. W. Bro. W. Dayman, D.D. G.M.

I also attended a District Empire Night at Hanna early in May. This was a patriotic meeting arranged by R. W. Bro. A. G. Bond, D.D.G.M. of District No. 14, in honor of the coming visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen. It was a decided success and was greatly enjoyed by all present.

I wish to thank you, M. W. Sir, for the honor and pleasure I have had in serving as your Deputy during the past year. Also I thank the officers and brethren of District No. 6 for the friendly spirit and hearty co-operation which has made my term of office a very pleasant one.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER H. READ,
D.D.G.M. District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lethbridge, April 25, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. for the Seventh Masonic District.

At the outset I would like to thank the brethren of this district and yourself for conferring this honor on me. I am glad to be able to report that I have been able to visit all the lodges in District No. 7 at least once and some of them twice during my term.

There is a splendid spirit of harmony in all the lodges and there seems to be signs of the return of enthusiasm which characterized the Fraternity a few years ago and this in my estimation will to some extent offset the small loss in number.

In nearly all lodges the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* is read and many favorable comments have been made to me about the valuable work of M. W. Bro. Mitchell.

The first of many pleasant duties I was called upon to perform was to install and invest the officers of Diamond City Lodge No. 65 and Sharon Lodge No. 157, being ably assisted by R. W. Bros. Douglas and Rannard and W. Bro. Cull, and I may say the attendance was very satisfactory.

My official visits were as follows:

Sharon No. 157	July 27th, 1938
Foremost No. 103	September 7th, 1938
Verdigris No. 100	October 27th, 1938
North Star No. 4	November 14th, 1938
Lethbridge No. 39	November 17th, 1938
Diamond City No. 65	August 4th, 1938
Doric No. 31	October 11th, 1938
Charity No. 67	November 8th, 1938
York No. 119	November 15th, 1938
Lucerne No. 159	April 4th, 1939

I was accompanied on most of my visits by several P.D.D.G.M.'s and by many Past Masters, to each and every one of whom I tender my sincere thanks.

On the 28th day of September, 1938, the 10 lodges met in the Masonic Hall, Lethbridge, for the District Meeting, giving the brethren the opportunity to meet the M. W. the Grand Master who was accompanied by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the R. W. Junior Grand Warden and, of course, our Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis.

The meeting was opened by York Lodge after which I was received with the customary honors and invited to asume the gavel. Immediately after, the Grand Master was announced, accorded the Grand Honors, escorted to the East and after a few brief remarks requested me to proceed with the business of the District Meeting. As is usual, the brethren were called to order and a period of silence observed in respect to deceased members of the district.

Very interesting reports were received from R. W. Bro. Stewart and the W. M.'s of the various lodges. In the evening session W. Bro. A. M. Fisher was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year and Lethbridge chosen as the place of the next District Meeting. As a fitting climax to the evening, short addresses were given by the M. W. the Grand Master, the D.G.M., the Jr. G.W. and the Grand Secretary and as the spontaneous applause would indicate these were greatly appreciated.

It is my pleasure to be able to report that the officers of the various lodges in District No. 7 are competent and efficient, both in the conduct of their business and conferring degrees.

It is particularly pleasing to note that the city lodges are endeavouring to promote the idea of more fraternal visiting in the outlying lodges of the district and this I consider a step in the right direction.

On Tuesday, December 27th, I was invited to conduct the installation ceremony for the four City lodges and this I was very glad to be

able to do, being assisted by R. W. Bros. James, Rannard and Davidson, V. W. Bro. Sang and several Past Masters of the various lodges.

The last year has been one of great pleasure to me and it has been indeed a great privilege to serve you. I trust the brethren of this district will continue to work for the ideals of Masonry and will accord my successor the same support as they have extended to me.

In conclusion, I must extend my thanks for assistance I have received from W. Bro. E. J. Rossiter, District Secretary, and from the Grand Lodge office.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. T. LINGARD,
D.D.G.M. District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Hillcrest, May 13, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report on Masonic District No. 8 for the year 1938-1939.

My term of office has been a very pleasant year, the memories of which I shall always cherish; few stations or positions in life bring a person so much kindness and courtesy as that which is extended to a District Deputy Grand Master, both in his private life and in his official position.

I was welcomed invariably by splendid attendances at every meeting that I attended. There seems to be a distinct revival of Masonic interest throughout this district and the majority of the lodges had degree work on the occasion of my official visits. I was agreeably impressed with the excellence of the material entering our ranks; though several of the lodges have made a reduction in initiation fees I do not consider this altogether the reason for the increased applications being received as those lodges which have made no change are receiving their share as well as those others which have made a change in their fees.

The degree work was done in all the lodges in such a manner that it could not fail to make a lasting impression upon the candidate and I was much impressed by the way in which the Masters and Officers had got the work up.

There are still too many suspensions being made for N.P.D. but the somewhat drastic change in the Constitution making suspension automatic has cut away a lot of the deadwood and relieved the lodges of responsibility of making suspensions. Probably in the course of a few years several of these suspended brethren will come back into the Craft: brethren are being educated to the fact that one of the primary duties of a Mason to his lodge is the discharge promptly of his financial

obligations. I made enquiries and am convinced that no brother has been suspended whom the lodge considered to be in such a position that the payment of his dues would work a hardship upon him and in these cases his dues were remitted by resolution of the lodge.

I had the pleasure of installing the Worshipful Masters of Sentinel Lodge No. 26 and Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86 at a joint Festival meeting held at Hillcrest and I was also present at the installation of the officers of Spitzie Lodge No. 6, Summit Lodge No. 30 and Chinook Lodge No. 47. Only the fact of their meetings coinciding with that of my mother lodge, Sentinel No. 26, prevented me from attending the ceremony at the other lodges in the district. Great care is being exercised in the lodges not to promote officers too rapidly and in five of the lodges the Master's Chair is occupied by a Past Master.

I made a feature on all my official visits of going over the Historical Registers of the different lodges and was struck with the general excellence of these records. I laid particular stress upon the unique value of this lodge record and that as the years go by upon the increasing difficulty of re-writing any of them should they be lost or destroyed. I strongly advocated that a copy should be made and deposited in a safe place.

On all my official visits and upon other occasions I was accompanied by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank and on several visits by R. W. Bros. R. Crichton and W. Chappell, W. Bro. Haggarty and a large number of the brethren of Sentinel Lodge No. 26. To all these brethren I extend my sincere thanks also to Bro. W. Marcolin who took over the onerous duties of chauffeur.

District Meeting. The annual District Meeting of District No. 8 was held in Hillcrest on 15th September, 1938. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Archibald West, to the regret of the brethren, found it impossible to be present and was represented by R. W. Bro George Moore, D G.M., who was accompanied by R. W. Bro. G. F. Ellis, J.G.W., and M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, G.S. Following a short session in the afternoon, 102 brethren sat down to a banquet provided by the ladies of Bellecrest Chapter O.E.S. The Loyal Toast having been duly honored the brethren were treated to several humorous after-dinner speeches delivered in the course of proposing and replying to the usual toasts interspersed with musical items, R. W. Bros. Moore and Ellis replying in a particularly happy vein to the toasts of "M. W. the Grand Lodge of Alberta" and "Our Visitors" respectively and M. W. Bro. Kemmis in the inimitable style he has when reminiscing introduced R. W. Bro. Dempster who has held the office of Tyler of the M. W. Bro.'s mother lodge, Spitzie No. 6, for the past quarter of a century. At the evening session carefully prepared addresses were given by W. Bros. Hutchison and Bannan followed by an address by R. W. Bro. Moore. W. Bro. J O. C. McDonald (Summit Lodge No. 30) was unanimously elected to the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year. My hearty thanks are accorded to the following brethren who acted as chairmen of the different committees: W. Bros. E. C. Cosstick, F. Padgett and W. Adlam, also to the brethren of Sentinel Lodge who acted upon these committees.

Alberta Lodge No. 3. I made my official visit to this lodge in April, the brethren from the lodges in the Pass turning out strongly, several carloads making the journey. The E A. degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. McNay (W.M.); the work was done in an ex-

ceptionally efficient and able manner. The records of the lodge are up to date and a good system is in use. An application for initiation was balloted upon and I understand others are in sight. R. W. Bro. J. Lambert, who has been in poor health for several months, was again in lodge and is hoping to be completely restored to health in a few months. A very pleasant hour was spent at the banquet table enlivened by several humorous speeches.

Spitzie Lodge No. 6. My official visit to this lodges was made in April although I had been previously present at the Installation of Officers and also at an Emergent Meeting. The Secretary although new to the work has the books and records in perfect shape, the Historical Register is up to date and well written. I was very pleased with the able manner in which W. B. Gray (W.M.), assisted by R. W. Bro. Ross conferred the first degree, and combined with the work of the other officers the work was put on in such a manner that it could not fail to make a lasting impression upon the candidate. This lodge seems to be definitely on the upgrade, there is always an exceptionally friendly and fraternal atmosphere present at its meetings. After lodge closed I had the pleasure of meeting at the banquet table several brethren with whom I had not previously been acquainted.

Chinook Lodge No. 47. I visited this lodge on several occasions and made my official visit in May. There was no degree work on this night. Only a small number of the members were able to attend as this lodge being situated in a farming district the heavy part of the year's work was starting up. However, the paucity of numbers did not militate from the enthusiastic welcome that I received. A very pleasant meeting was held and the spirit of fraternity was remarkably evident at the fourth degree. R W. Bros. Densmore and Murphy were both in attendance but R. W. Bro. Swart was unfortunately absent having been taken seriously ill a few days earlier and on this evening was moved to hospital in Pincher Creek. The lodge passed a sincere motion of sympathy with him in which the visiting brethren associated their respective lodges. The books and records are well kept. I have on my official visits advised lodges to have a duplicate made of their Historical Registers in case the original should be lost or destroyed, this lodge is a case in point having lost its register by fire a few years ago and has re-written it, but due to the loss of most of the books of the lodges at the same time it undoubtedly was an exceedingly difficult task and probably does not contain the interesting details that the original copy did.

Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86. This lodge has been working at a great disadvantage owing to its being unable to find suitable lodge room accommondation in its home town of Blairmore. As a consequence it has been holding its meetings in the Masonic Hall of Hillcrest, situated some five miles from Blairmore. I visited this lodge on most of its regular meetings and consider a great deal of praise is due to certain members who attend regularly, several meetings being held on evenings when the weather conditions were extremely bad. Another effort is being made to secure lodge rooms in Blairmore and I wish to stress the necessity of a move being made back to that town as under the conditions which the lodge is now operating it can only be a matter of time before it becomes dormant or is absorbed into some other lodge. The books and records are in excellent shape and the lodge is in a very sound financial condition with most of its assets represented by cash in the bank.

On my official visit there was no degree work but a lengthy and very interesting discussion was held on the proposal coming before

Grand Lodge to revise the York Rite Ritual, several of the members displaying a remarkable grasp of the underlying principles of the ritualistic work. W. Bro. Rudd presided over the lodge in an efficient manner and was ably supported by his officers. W. Bro. W. A. Beebe who is reputed to be the oldest Mason in Masonic years in the Grand Jurisdiction is a member of this lodge and holds the office of Treasurer Emeritus. I was very disappointed that owing to failing health he was unable to be present. I was accompanied on this visit by several brethren from Sentinel Lodge. A splendid fourth degree was provided after lodge closed which I enjoyed thoroughly. All of our lodges in the "Pass" have one common interest, viz: "Coal" and it is pleasant to spend an hour away from the one interminable subject.

Summit Lodge No. 30. Though I attended this lodge on a good proportion of its meetings I was unable to be present at the meeting which appealed to me most, the farewell to R. W. Bro. Alec Morrison. For reasons of health this brother has been obliged to take up residence at Vancouver and his absence is a great loss not only to his own lodge but to the whole of District No 8. On one of my visits the third degree was conferred upon two brethren, the work was well done especially in the second section. I made my official visit in February and received a very cordial welcome from the brethren. There was no work on this night but a great deal of routine work had to be done and I was impressed with the business like manner in which it was disposed of. This lodge seems to make a special point of keeping in touch with its members who are residing outside its jurisdiction, and judging by some of the correspondence I have heard read out V. W. Bro. Cooke must give a deal of attention to this part of his secretarial duties. The records are all in good shape and the Historical Register is up to date and very interestingly written. Owing to lack of brethren of sufficient experience the three senior Chairs are occupied by Past Masters but I understand there are several younger members who will be able to take these offices in the coming years. The lodge has had a very good year and is in a thriving condition both financially and fraternally. A buffet supper was held after the meeting, which is a very pleasant change from the usual sit down fourth degree, as it enables the brethren to mingle more freely.

Chief Mountain Lodge No. 58. My official visit to this lodge was made at the October meeting but I have made arrangements to make another visit the latter part of May for which R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell is making arrangements for a fraternal visit by the lodges in the Crows Nest Pass. There will be two third degrees on this night but my report has to be turned in to the Grand Secretary before that date.

1 was accompanied by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, W. Bro. P. Haggarty and Bro. W. Marcolin. There was no degree work but a very interesting evening was spent. The records are splendidly kept by the Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. Betts, and the officers are well conversant with their work.

This lodge own a very beautiful hall, the layout and decoration of which is probably unique in Western Canada and those brethren who have not attended a meeting here I strongly advise them to do so and see this work of a master craftsman. I attended this lodge some years ago about the time the building was purchased and I was pleased to note on this visit that the original design of the builder has not been interfered with in any manner.

For some years the membership has been decreasing owing to lack of candidates but the past year has seen a considerable improvement through affiliations and initiations.

Up to a few years ago this lodge was included in District No. 7. It is a long journey for D.D.G.M.'s from the Crows Nest Pass lodges and vice versa to make and I am of the opinion that most of the brethren's personal contacts are in Lethbridge. Consequently I would strongly advise Grand Lodge to consider the advisability of returning this lodge to its original district.

After closing, a very jovial hour or so was spent at the supper table. We all received an exceptionally hearty and fraternal reception on this occasion.

Sentinel Lodge No. 26. This being my own lodge I made my last official visit here on 11th May. I shall always remember the hearty welcome that I received from my fellow lodge members who turned out in record numbers. A large attendance of brethren also came from Summit and Rocky Mountain Lodges. As well as M. W. Bro. G E. Cruickshank and R. W. Bros. G. Pattinson and R. Crichton, Past Lodge Officers from my own lodge, there were also present R. W Bros. A. F. Short and W. Chappell and V. W. Bros. R. F. Barnes and M. W. Cooke. The presence of R. W. Bro. Pattinson was exceptionally gratifying to me, he being the D.D.G.M. making his official visit to Sentinel Lodge at the meeting at which I was initiated some twenty-one years ago. There were three candidates for initiation at this meeting, all young men with all the requisite qualifications to make them useful members of the Craft, one of them being the son of W. Bro C. Emmerson a Past Master of Sentinel Lodge, the W. Bro. assisting the Master, W. Bro. Haggarty in part of the ceremony. I had the pleasure of delivering the "Charge." The degree work was done by the Master and Officers correctly and impressively and the lodge is to be congratulated upon having kept up the work so well after a long spell of dearth of candidates. The lodge is in a sound financial position though suffering somewhat from "frozen assets" but the work of benevolence is well taken care of out of current funds. At the close of the meeting the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall where W. Bro. Padgett had arranged a supper to which full justice was done. Several short speeches were given following supper, noteworthy among which were those of W. Bro. Emmerson in appreciation of his son having been accepted into the Fraternity and R. W. Bro. A F. Short, who gave a talk direct to the newly initiated brethren. The three initiates also each spoke a few words. The brethren finally dispersed at a somewhat late hour.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, DISTRICT MEETING OF DISTRICT No. 8

I was officially commissioned by the M. W. the Grand Master to attend this District Meeting held in Fernie B. C. on 13th May and had the honor of conveying the greetings of M. W. Bro. Archibald West to M. W. Bro. Dr. C. M. Kingston, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I was accompanied by nineteen brethren from District No. 8 G.R.A. including R. W. Bros. R. Crichton, A. F. Short and W. H. Chappell and V. W. Bros. R. F. Barnes and M. W. Cooke. The meeting was presided over by R. W. Bro. Dr. MacKinnon, D.D.G.M. who gave me and the brethren from Alberta an exceptionally cordial welcome. The programme of the meeting followed along very much the

same lines as our own District Meetings. The Grand Master gave an address based on the connection, both past and present, of our Royal Family with Masonry, which was most appropriate in view of the visit of Their Majesties to the Dominion. The Grand Secretary spoke on the problems confronting the Grand Lodge in the handling of the Benevolent Fund; the similarity of their problems being practically identical with those of Alberta. R. W. Bro. MacKinnon gave an interesting summary of his work during the past year.

At the banquet in the evening R. W. Bro. Chappell and myself were called upon to reply to the toast of the "Visitors."

After the close of the meeting at around midnight the visiting brethren were informally entertained until a very early hour, arriving back at their respective homes well after sun-up.

I wish to go on record in expressing the appreciation of myself and the brethren accompanying me of the wonderful reception accorded us and of the arrangements made by the brethren of Elk River Lodge No. 35 for our comfort.

Fraternally submitted,

H. O. WESTRUP,
D.D.G.M. District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Alix, April 29, 1939

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor of presenting my report on Masonic District No. 9 in which I had the pleasure to serve both yourself and the brethren of District No. 9 for the honor and privilege you have conferred upon me of being your representative and I assure you that the past year has added much to my Masonic education as well as being a pleasant experience.

On November 9th the District Meeting was held at Alix in the Masonic Hall. There was a very good attendance, in spite of the fact that it was held at the extreme end of the District. The weather was fine and the roads in good condition.

The program was along similar lines of the preceding year. Each lodge in the district was given a portion of the work to exemplify. This brought forth questions and criticisms which were very instructive.

The Banquet which was held in the Oddfellows Hall and prepared by the ladies of the Eastern Star was much appreciated by all present. At the finish of the Banquet the usual toasts were rendered, with suitable replies from the brethren, after which your address M. W. Sir brought to a close a most enjoyable dinner hour.

Returning to the lodge room the election for D.D.G.M. for the next year resulted in the choice of W. B. David Drinnan of Rising Sun

Lodge No. 122, by acclamation, and the next District Meeting to be held at Apollo Lodge at Stettler. During the afternoon session the brethren were favored with an address by R. W. Bro. Ottewell on the "Ancient Landmarks of Masonry." It was the united voice of the meeting that a letter of deep appreciation be sent to M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, thanking him for his efforts of editing and printing the Grand Lodge Bulletin.

The following are the dates of my official visits:

Apollo No. 27, March the 6th, 1939.
Ionic No. 45, April 27th, 1939.
Beaver No. 56, April 5th, 1939.
Coronation No. 72, August 19th, 1938.
Monitor No. 120, April 14th, 1939.
Rising Sun No. 122, December 14th, 1938.
Big Valley No. 140, December 7th, 1938.

During my term of office I visited each lodge in the district officially once and on each occasion was received and welcomed very warmly.

Apollo Lodge No. 27, which is in number the oldest lodge in the district, is also the Mother of Masonry particularly in this end of the district. The officers and members are exceptionally good at paying visits to the smaller lodges, and assisting them in degree work. It is very rare that a meeting of any importance is held in the weaker lodges without at least one car-load of members of Apollo Lodge attending and assisting in any way possible. On the occasion of my official visit they put a candidate through the third degree and the work was an inspiration.

On the occasion of my visit to Ionic Lodge No. 45, which is my Mother Lodge, I had R. W. Bro. Mackie, Past D. D. G. M. of District No. 9 examine my books, as I am the Secretary of this lodge. This lodge has a small membership but what they lack in members they make up in enthusiasm.

The visit to Beaver Lodge No. 56 was very much enjoyed by me, as they put a candidate through the second degree very creditably. There was a very good turn out at the meeting.

Coronation Lodge No. 72 very obligingly called an emergent meeting for my official visit to their lodge. They had the very sad misfortune of losing their W. Bro. Brown by death, but the meeting was very ably conducted by W. Bro. Thoroughman.

Monitor Lodge No. 120 is at the extreme end of the district and have only one resident member. They are in good healthy condition financially and the brethren are eager to carry on with their good Masonic work. They voted to move their lodge building which they own, from Monitor to Consort which is a slightly larger town and there will be six resident members and brighter prospects. I looked over the site in Consort and recommended the move as I felt it would be better for all concerned.

Rising Sun Lodge No. 122 held their election of officers the night I visited their lodge. Their numbers are few but they are very enthusiastic. W. Bro. David Drinnan of this lodge is D. D. G. M. elect for the coming term.

Big Valley Lodge No. 140 who have done very little degree work for some years past, had a burst of four applications on the night of my official visit and that fact made my visit much more enjoyable.

As my year draws to a close I see a lot of things I should have done and also some which I perhaps should not have done. I sincerely hope, M. W. Sir, that some good may come from my efforts.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you, M. W. Sir, for the honor of being your Deputy. My thanks also to the brethren for electing me to that honored position. I wish also to thank my District Secretary V. W. Bro. Hollings for his kind services, also the many brethren, both of my own and other lodges, who accompanied me on my visits.

The cordial and friendly receptions that I received at all times have made my duties not a labor but a real pleasure and joy, far outweighing the work, time and trouble, that a District Deputy Grand Master has to give to his office.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. C. TALLMAN,
D.D.G.M. District No. 9

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Vermilion, April 29, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District for the year 1938-39.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Vermilion on October 5, 1938. There were 99 brethren present, all the lodges in the district except one being represented. The meeting was opened by Hope Lodge No. 38.

Following the reception of the M. W. the Grand Master each lodge in the district presented a short report designed to show present conditions, the particular problems the lodge was facing and the programs planned for making lodge activities more effective. These reports are of considerable value. W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert of Vermilion Lodge gave a short address on the subject "What is Wrong with Masonry?" Discussion was opened by V. W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison, K.C., of Vermilion, following which many of the brethren spoke on the subject. The remarks were all on a high plane and proved most interesting and helpful to all brethren present. W. Bro. F. J. Pyle of Empire Lodge No. 63 was unanimously elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year.

At 6.00 o'clock a banquet was held in the Elk's Hall. Before sitting down the brethren had the opportunity of personally meeting the Grand Master.

The evening session opened at 8.00 p.m. when a message was read from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Bro. J. C. Bowen, of Acacia Lodge No. 11, expressing his regrets that he was unable to be present. The M. W. the Grand Master addressed the brethren, and his interesting and inspiring message was greatly appreciated. R. W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard was presented with the regalia of P.D.D.G.M. by M. W. Bro. West on behalf of the district. R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, P.G R , then gave an address on "The Seeming Paradox of Stability and Change in Masonry". He pointed out that there are a number of landmarks in Masonry that do not change and on the other hand Masonry is a progressive science. To point out how such a seeming paradox could exist he used as an illustration our belief in a Supreme Being. Our conception of that Being, however, has changed greatly during the ages and will probably continue to change as our knowledge increases R. W. Bro. Ottewell's able and scholarly address was enjoyed greatly by all the brethren present.

OFFICIAL VISITS TO LODGES

Acacia Lodge No. 11. This is the oldest and the largest lodge in the district and in some respects probably the most active. They have an efficient set of officers and also a number of degree teams capable of putting on any degree on short notice. My visit on November 10th coincided with "Soldiers' Night". The lodge was honored by the presence of the Grand Master and a large number of visitors—returned men and others. Under the direction of W. Bro. A. M. MacDonald, a typical "Soldiers' " program was carried out in the banquet room, the refreshments, community songs and platform program all being reminiscent of war days. Acacia makes frequent use of special nights to stimulate interest. I plan to make another visit to this lodge in May at a regular meeting.

Victoria Lodge No. 13. I visited this lodge on November 1st. This is one of the oldest lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction, having been formed in November 1900, under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. They have very comfortable quarters which they own jointly with another organization. The third degree was conferred very efficiently by the officers. A "Father and Son" banquet was arranged for at this meeting and other activities were discussed.

Vermilion Lodge No. 24. I visited my home lodge officially on April 4th. The meeting was preceded by a banquet at 6.30 p.m. Vermilion Lodge is now comfortably settled in their new premises. Their building, completed a year ago, will fill all Masonic requirements for many years to come. They have efficient officers who evidently believe in making young members take an active part in the work. On the occasion of my visit some four or five "side-benchers" put on a considerable part of the ceremony of the second degree. At the present time the lodge is conferring degrees on a group of candidates who will undoubtedly contribute greatly to the success of the lodge in years to come.

St. John's Lodge No. 25. My official visit to St. John's Lodge was on November 7th. There was a very satisfactory attendance. Following a fire which destroyed their premises, St. John's Lodge purchased a building and renovated it to make it suitable for Masonic purposes. This building was officially opened by the Grand Master in October. Many donations of furniture and equipment were received from sister

lodges in this and other jurisdictions. I fully believe that what in the first instance appeared to be a severe loss will really be a benefit to Masonry in this area. A fine spirit of fellowship is evident in the lodge, enhanced no doubt by the sacrifices that they made in securing their new premises. This lodge has suffered very little in the way of decrease of membership during the past seven or eight years, in fact they have a larger membership now than in 1930. I predict a bright future for St. John's Lodge.

Hope Lodge No. 38. I visited Hope Lodge on November 14th. The officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner. Hope Lodge is officered at the present time by young men almost exclusively, and their affairs are efficiently managed. The officers are keen and enthusiastic. This lodge is noted for efficiency in ritual and ceremonial work. A fine spirit prevails and they make quite a feature of social occasions. Some changes have been made in the lodge room during the past year which have improved the premises considerably.

Lamont Lodge No. 94. I visited this lodge at their regular meeting on October 10th. The officers exemplified the first degree. Lamont Lodge own their building, the ground floor of which is rented to the School Board as a school room, from which the lodge derives considerable revenue. Their finances are in good shape, a fine feeling of fellowship prevails and I consider they are doing good work. They have a great opportunity for promoting mutual understanding and goodwill in a district largely populated by non-Anglo-Saxons.

Empire Lodge No. 63. My official visit to this lodge was on October 17th, accompanied by five other Grand Officers. I was impressed with the beautifully kept records of the Secretary, M. W. Bro. J. Martland. May I also draw your attention to a very fine piece of work done by the Master, W. Bro. E. Ledgard. When he learned that nine brethren were due for suspension for N.P.D. he personally visited all the delinquents with the result that only one of the nine was finally suspended. The ceremonial work is carried out with snap and precision. Indeed just to witness the manner in which the brethren give the signs is in itself an education in the impressiveness which may be imparted in this minor feature of Masonic activity.

Norwood Lodge No. 90. I visited Norwood Lodge on September 13th. The lodge is housed very comfortably in their own premises. The second degree was exemplified very satisfactorily by the officers. A fine spirit is very evident in this lodge and they are to be congratulated on holding the interest of so many of the brethren for many years. On the occasion of my visit the majority of those present were men of mature years. That is splendid as far as it goes, but my impression, as the result of this one visit, was that the lodge would be strengthened if more younger men were active in attendance. I may be wrong in this impression, however, as this may have been just an "off night" for the younger brethren. One of the outstanding things about Norwood Lodge is the beautiful way in which the Secretary, V. W. Bro. Horrocks, keeps all the books and records. The Historical Register prepared by him will in itself be invaluable in years to come.

Kilwinning Lodge No. 110. I attended the joint installation of officers of Hope Lodge No. 38 and Kilwinning Lodge on June 24th. My official visit was on November 21st. There was a good attendance and the first degree was conferred. The lodge while small is well officered and is doing good work.

Dominion Lodge No. 117. I accompanied the Grand Master on "Dominion Night" on June 22nd when the third degree was conferred. The degree work on this occasion was of a very high standard. In the banquet room all the provinces of the Dominion were represented and Bro. Geo. A. MacDonald gave a suitable address. I also visited on September 14th. Dominion Lodge suffered the loss of their Master, the late W. Bro. Geo. Rait, shortly after his installation. I cannot comment too highly on the splendid manner in which the Past Masters and Wardens carried on the work under this severe handicap

Kitscoty Lodge No. 131. I visited Kitscoty on October 25th. The first degree was exemplified. This lodge is operating under the handicap of a very scattered membership and the Master and Senior Warden live over fifty miles apart. Rehearsals of ritual under the circumstances are very difficult to arrange. The attendance for the past few years has been very small. I believe that visiting other lodges would stimulate interest. I must pay tribute however, to the faithful half-dozen who are very regular in attendance and are virtually carrying the whole burden of the lodge.

Financially, Kitscoty Lodge has kept within the limits of its income.

St. Alban's Lodge No. 145. My visit to St. Alban's was at an emergent meeting on September 24th. On this occasion the lodge was honored by a visit from the Grand Master, the first such visit in their history. Some twenty-five officers and brethren of Edmonton Lodge No. 7 were also present and conferred the third degree on four candidates. This was done in an admirable manner and was the first occasion that St. Alban's Lodge saw any other officers than their own do this work. They derived much benefit therefrom. A life membership was presented to the first Master, W. Bro. Harry Allan, now a resident of Edmonton; also a wedding gift to the Secretary, W. Bro. W. G. Fuller. While laboring under the handicap of a scattered membership, St. Albans' Lodge is doing excellent work. The faithfulness of many of the brethren who drive miles over poor roads to attend lodge might well be noted by brethren to whom lodge attendance does not entail any hardship and little inconvenience.

Waskatenau Lodge No. 154. I visited this lodge, the smallest in the district, on the occasion of their 10th anniversary, September 7th. Unfortunately the roads were almost impassable and some visitors from adjacent lodges turned back on this account. Letters and telegrams of congratulations were received from other lodges in the district. The chairs were occupied by the original officers during the business part of the meeting. This lodge although one of the smallest in this Grand Jurisdiction is doing good work. The members are regular in attendance, even at considerable sacrifice. Two new applications were received at this meeting. The lodge at present meets in a church building, but have purchased two lots and will build their own home as soon as they see their way clear. The lodge finances are in excellent condition.

GENERAL

I saw degrees exemplified or conferred in practically all the lodges in the district. With very few exceptions they were done correctly and impressively. The books and records are kept in a satisfactory manner, and too much commendation cannot be given the Secretaries for their faithful work.

The Grand Lodge Bulletin is read regularly in all the Lodges in the district.

A satisfactory number of new applications for membership are being dealt with all through the district and I have been impressed with the splendid calibre of the candidates I have seen. The one thing that has impressed me above all others during my term of office is the interest taken generally in Masonry's message to an anxious, distracted and disillusioned world.

I wish in conclusion to thank the brethren of District No. 10 for the privilege of serving you and them in the capacity of D.D.G.M. The memories of innumerable courtesies extended to me will never be forgotten. I wish also to thank the District Secretary, Bro. A. L. Macumber, for his assistance throughout the year, and the members of Vermilion Lodge who accompanied me on all my visits.

I bespeak for my successor, R. W. Bro. F. J. Pyle, the same consideration and support which has been so freely given to me.

Fraternally submitted,

W. HUDSON SCOTT,
D.D.G.M. District No. 10.

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ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Carmangay, April 21, 1939

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

It is with mingled feelings of regret and pleasure that I submit my report as your representative in District No. 11. Regret, in that it foreshadows the end of a happy year in my Masonic history and pleasure in the knowledge that the experience has been of much personal benefit.

Our District Meeting was held in Carmangay on October 31st. R. W. Bro. Moore, Deputy Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Read, D.D.G.M. District No. 6 and ten P.D.D.G.M's. were present and received with due honors.

R. W. Bro. Moore, on behalf of the district presented R. W. Bro. Martin, P.D.D.G M., with a jewel in appreciation of his services to the district.

W. Bro. Ross Wilderman of Granite Lodge No. 127, Blackie, was elected to be recommended for the office of D.D.G.M. for the coming term.

From special reports furnished by the lodges, I was able to compile a statement for the meeting revealing a serious lack of interest by resident members and as there is good reason to believe that this district is as active and progressive as any, I do hesitate in reporting that 25 percent of resident members attended no lodge meetings during 1937.

35 percent attended only one meeting and 71 percent failed to attend more than six meetings. In the belief that this condition prevails through out the various districts, I would suggest that incoming District Deputies be instructed to make a similar investigation with a view to ascertaining the cause and possible remedy for such a serious situation.

R. W. Bro. Moore's address was very interesting and instructive and was delivered in such a pleasing manner as to be thoroughly enjoyed by all.

VISITATIONS

My official visiting commenced on June 24th, when with the assistance of several past Grand Lodge officers, I installed and invested the officers of Robert Burns and Cresset lodges at a joint installation at Barons. This is a yearly event and this year we are hoping to include Pyramid Lodge in our ceremonies at Carmangay.

Robert Burns Lodge No. 49, Carmangay, September 12th. No degrees have been conferred for several years but there are prospective candidates and with a return of better crops, new members may be expected. The Bulletin does not receive the attention it deserves though there has been an improvement in recent months. The lodge owns its own hall which it shares with the Eastern Star Chapter. Books are efficiently kept.

Vulcan Lodge No. 74, September 6th. Business was conducted very efficiently. Books are well kept, except that by-laws, black book and historical register are not up-to-date. They have promised to put some one in charge of this neglected work. The Bulletin is read and discussed at the banquet table which seems a splendid place for freedom of expression. Again visited this lodge on April 4th, when a third degree was conferred before a large attendance of visitors from three neighboring lodges.

Champion Lodge No. 84. September 8th. The officers are very efficient in conducting routine work. The historical and lodge register require some attention and the black book has been badly neglected. Other books are well kept. This lodge charges no affiliation fee. The Grand Lodge assessment against applicants from outside the jurisdiction was pointed out with suggestion that charge be made to cover this fee. I was privileged to visit this lodge again in October, March and April when degrees were conferred.

Pyramid Lodge No. 108, Lomond. October 20th. Owing to the illness of some of their members and the absence of others there was not a quorum but we were able to inspect their neat and comfortable lodge room which they own. The books that were available for inspection were well kept. From a couple hours of informal discussion of their problems, I learned there is Masonic material in the community which may be expected to join when better crop conditions return.

Nobleford Lodge No. 111. October 11th. This lodge is no doubt having the hardest struggle of any in the district, mainly in retaining their membership. Their territory is as large as some of the stronger lodges and being in an irrigated district, might indicate that the lodge should be stronger. It is claimed, however, that the religious views of a large percentage of their citizens are not in accord with Fraternal Orders and their available material is thereby limited.

At present, since a reduction in fees, they have seven candidates for the degrees. Small membership and poor attendance tends to create a laxness and a tendency to leave too much of the management and routine to one or two members. It is hoped that with an increase in membership, there will be a marked improvement in the conduct of their affairs.

Granite Lodge No. 127, Blackie November 2nd. Meeting was well attended and discussions enthusiastically conducted. This lodge is well equipped in membership and accommodation, the hall being owned by a Company of the members. The Bulletin is properly appreciated, 12 copies being subscribed for at this meeting. The historical register and black book were not inspected, but other books and documents are well kept. I was disappointed to find the members, including the principal officers, not acquainted with the new Constitution. Members with large arrearages were being retained on the rolls. It was promised this would be remedied but their financial statement still shows a large arrearage being carried as an asset.

Cresset Lodge No. 136, Barons. November 7th. This lodge, organized mainly by members who dimitted from Robert Burns Lodge, has made considerable growth, although suffering from the uncertain financial conditions of the district. There is an interchange of the most kindly interest between the two lodges. I was accompanied by nine Robert Burns brethren on my visit. There seems to be sufficient material available for future work when conditions improve. Their books are well kept, though their Secretary, having several outside interests, required considerable tracing for reports. I visited this lodge again on April 3rd, when Robert Burns conferred a third degree on a Cresset candidate.

GENERAL

I endeavored on all my visits, to the best of my ability, to learn the cause of difficulties or discouragements and suggest a remedy. The need for regaining membership, lost through suspensions and the stimulation of lodge attendance to forestall further losses was stressed. The importance of maintaining a large and regular attendance at Grand Lodge Communications was pointed out. Lodges in the district do not protect their funds by by-laws but I found in most cases that funds are carefully protected and when possible are invested in good securities. There has been an increase in liquid assets and a decrease in liabilities. A larger decrease in membership over last year is noted but this is due to the operation of automatic suspensions, as there have been increases in initiations, affiliations and restorations. Generally speaking, there has been a decided improvement in the condition of Masonry in this district during the past year and with careful planning by the executive officers of the lodges considerable lost ground may be regained and retained.

APPRECIATION

Upon assuming office, I remarked to more than one wellwisher that there was no doubt that the year's work would prove more beneficial to me than to the district. At the end of a most enjoyable term of office that opinion has not been changed. For the many courtesies shown me, and to all who had a share in helping to make the term as successful

as it may have been and especially to those brethren who so kindly furnished the means of transportation and accompanied me on my visits, I express my deepest appreciation, with the hope that some lasting good may have been accomplished for Masonry.

CONCLUSION

I have every confidence that the district will find in W. Bro. Wilderman, a faithful and conscienteous officer. His kindly manner and pleasing personality will not only make his work enjoyable but will help him in whatever suggestions, recommendations or criticisms he has to offer.

Fraternally Submitted

W. DAYMAN,
D.D.G.M. District No. 11

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Heatherdown, May 15, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Now that my term of office is drawing to a close, I wish to express my appreciation to you, M. W. Sir, for the opportunity I have had in representing you in District No. 12, and for your company and that of other brethren on several of my visits to the lodges.

My visits to all lodges were a pleasure indeed, and I wish to thank all the officers and the brethren for their courtesy and the interest they took to make my visits all that anyone could wish for, also for the honor they conferred on me in electing me as their D.D.G.M. I wish to let all the Masons of District No 12 know that this year of office has been to me the most interesting and instructive in my 36 years association in Masonry, and if I have been able to give the brethren even a small part of the pleasure I have received from my visits, I shall feel repaid for the time and effort expended. I trust I have been of some service to them and left for their consideration some remark or advice that may be of help to them now or in the future.

While I found that all meetings I attended were very instructive, I cannot overlook mentioning that of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142, when accompanied by you, M. W. Sir, and other Grand Lodge officers, we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. E. J. Walli, from Great Bear Lake, receive his second degree.

The District Meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on Saturday, October 8th, as usual in conjunction with District No. 3. A very interesting part of the meeting was the "Questions and Answers" by various city lodge teams. In the election for D.D.G.M. for 1939-40, V. W. Bro. McIntyre of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 was the successful candidate. R. W. Bro. Casselman was Toast Master at the evening banquet, at which our Grand Master gave an interesting address on his visit to the East.

I would like to take this opportunity of requesting that all brethren, if possible, should avail themselves of the privilege of attending the

Grand Lodge and their District Meetings, as these are both instructive and interesting.

I find that there is again a decrease in membership for the year, but the lowering of initiation fees may overcome this in the future and may bring more of the younger generation into Masonry. I sincerely hope this will be the outcome.

I paid at least one visit to each lodge and as in nearly every case I had to travel to Edmonton first, I was able to avail myself of the opportunity to visit some of the city lodges two or three times.

At the last District Meeting a motion was passed: "That Grand Lodge be asked to consider the rearranging of District No. 12 so as to make the lodges more conveniently situated and to give the D.D.G.M. a better opportunity of visiting the lodges in his district." Ours is a large district and I find that I have covered 1,700 miles to and from the various lodges in my visits. The country lodges, to which visits of the D.D.G.M. mean more than to the city lodges, who have other attractions at their disposal, receive at the best a single visit during the year, and these visits form a pleasant interlude to their meetings. I would therefore suggest that, if possible, this district be altered so that more country visits can be made than is possible with the present boundaries.

On the whole prospects for the coming year are better and all lodges are in such a position as to be able to continue operations.

In closing I wish to remark that I hope to visit once again as many lodges as opportunities will allow me and to meet again the many friends I hope and feel sure I have made on my visits

Fraternally submitted,

DONALD WILBY,
D.D.G M. District No. 12.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Sexsmith, April 24, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. of the Thirteenth Masonic District for the year 1938-39.

First I wish to thank you, M W. Sir, and the brethren of District No. 13 for the honor and privilege of serving as your representative. The brethren have at all times given me hearty co-operation and every consideration, making the work a real pleasure.

The District Meeting was held at Sexsmith on August 12th, at which every lodge in the district was well represented, although rain threatened during the afternoon and evening, and a number of the brethren drove 125 miles over dirt roads to attend. The meeting was honored with the

presence of M. W. Bro. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Harris, S. G. W., and V. W Bro. Keay, Grand Steward. We very much regretted the fact that you were unable to be present, M. W. Sir. Very interesting and instructive addresses by the Grand Secretary and Senior Grand Warden were greatly appreciated by those present. We were also pleased to welcome visitors from Peace Lodge No. 126, G.R.B.C. at this meeting. W. Bro. Robt. E. Campbell of Lake Saskatoon Lodge No 106 was the unanimous choice for D.D.G.M. elect and Wembley selected as the place for the next District Meeting.

On June 18th Hythe and Lake Saskatoon Lodges held a joint banquet and dance in the Town of Beaverlodge, at which all lodges south of the Peace were represented and over one hundred brethren and ladies enjoyed a splendid social evening.

On Sunday, July 10th, the annual Masonic picnic and out-door service was held on Lake Saskatoon Island, which was very largly attended by Masons from all parts of the district. On Sunday, August 14th, a similar picnic and service was held at the historic site of Dunvegan, on the banks of the Peace River. Although weather conditions prevented a large number from attending, those present thoroughly enjoyed the outing. No doubt this will also become an annual event with increased attendance each year. Great credit is due the brethren responsible for these gatherings and for their effort in promoting social activities in the Craft.

A joint Installation of Spirit River Lodge No. 116, Northland Lodge No. 147 and Sexsmith Lodge No. 160 was held at Sexsmith on June 24th, and proved to be one of the largest Masonic meetings ever held in the district. The Installation ceremony was very impressively carried out by R. W. Bro. Fitton of Spirit River Lodge and members. The meeting was honored with the presence of R. W. Bro. Sam Harris, S.G.W., V. W. Bro. D. H. Keay, Grand Steward and a number of P.D.D.G.M's.

On July 4th it was a real pleasure to travel to Dawson Creek, B.C., with a number of brethren from District No. 13 and witness the Installation ceremony of Peace Lodge No. 126. R. W. Bro. Clark of Hythe Lodge proved a very capable installing officer. After the meeting a very fine banquet and musical program was enjoyed. We extend our thanks to Peace Lodge for their hearty welcome and kindness and wish them continued success.

In my official capacity I visited Spirit River Lodge No. 116 on September 19th; Northland Lodge No. 147 on September 26th; Hythe Lodge No. 156 on September 29th; Peace River Lodge No. 89 on October 6th; Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106 on November 3rd and Sexsmith Lodge No. 160 on December 14th. I endeavored to visit Wahpun Lodge No. 88 on October 13th, but after making the first 80 miles in fair time the balance of the road was impassable and we did not arrive at our destination.

It was my hope to attend their November meeting, but roads became snowed in and I asked R. W. Bro. Harris to make the visit on my behalf, which he so kindly did. However, I will visit Wahpun Lodge before my term of office has expired. Separate reports have been completed and submitted to you, M. W. Sir, for your consideration. I wish to thank the brethren of all lodges for the kind reception and courtesy shown me on my visitations.

I find the Secretaries of the lodges are experienced and capable, which accounts in a large measure for the books and records being kept in good order. The principal and junior officers are sincere in their work and a fine Masonic spirit prevails within the Craft throughout the district. Due to this district witnessing in 1938 the poorest crop yield in many years there has been a slight decrease in degrees conferred and membership and a slight increase in arrears of dues. However, this condition is only temporary and will improve with fair crop conditions. Lodges are endeavoring to make meetings more interesting by having some special item arranged for the evening when there is no degree work to be done. Interest is increasing in the Grand Lodge Bulletin which is being read and discussed more frequently. Visiting between lodges has been considerably increased and a real benefit is being felt as the result of these visits.

During my visits it has been my privilege to suggest to the brethren the advantage of Masons being actively interested in all worthy community affairs in their particular locality, especially those which concern our youth, for it is my humble opinion that if we as members of the Craft can show our young men that we are interested in them and their welfare, and that we have ideals worth seeking, then it will not be long until they will become interested in Masonry. I have also requested that Historical Registers be kept up to date and that any spceial items of local interest, Masonic or otherwise, be recorded therein. Attention has also been given regarding each lodge being represented at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge by one of the principal officers, when at all possible to do so. It is noted with satisfaction that the brethren in District No. 13 were very active on committees for the collection and distribution of Christmas hampers to the needy in their respective communities and they are to be commended for their efforts in this work.

On March 17th, at an emergent meeting of Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105, we were honored with a visit from the M. W. the Grand Master, also R. W. Bro. Sam Harris, S.G.W., and W. Bro. Blackie of Unity Lodge Edmonton. Your instructive and inspiring address, M. W. Sir, was greatly appreciated. It was with regret that I found it impossible to be with you and the other visitors to Spirit River for their lodge meeting on March 21st, when the third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Blackie on his son. However, I know the brethren of Spirit River Lodge would feel greatly honored by your presence and would make the meeting most interesting and your visit a very happy one. We trust, M. W. Sir, that you will be able to make a short visit to the north side of the district and visit Northland and Peace River Lodges before your year of office has expired.

June 15th, 1939, will be the twenty-first birthday of Grande Prairie and Lake Saskatoon Lodges. These lodges were constituted by M. W. Bro. Darling at Lake Saskatoon. Arrangements are being made for special celebrations on this occasion.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Deputy in this district, and my term of office will remain a memorable and cherished one. I feel that much has been left undone, but trust that Masonry has not suffered through lack of endeavor on my part and hope that the brethren will not judge my feeble efforts towards a furtherance of the Craft too harshly.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to you, M. W. Sir, and the Grand Secretary for leadership and instruction and to the brethren

of District No. 13 who have been so willing at all times, also to the brethren of Sexsmith Lodge who have accompanied me on all my visits and so generously provided transportation when required.

Fraternally submitted,

W. T. TURNER.
D.D.G.M. District No. 13.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Hanna, April 27, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

In the report as given in the following, I trust you may find the "Condition of Masonry" in this district satisfactorily presented.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Hanna, on Thursday, October 20th, 1938. Although weather and highway conditions were not favorable, the attendance was good. All business was carried out in one session (afternoon), including the unanimous election of Wor. Bro. W. B. Dunlop, Past Master of Hand Hill Lodge No. 98 as D.D.G.M. for 1939-40. The evening was devoted to a Banquet and appropriate program, including Toast List, entertainment items, and an interesting Masonic Address by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. George Moore, who attended as representative of the Grand Master in the unavoidable absence of M. W. Bro. A. West Included in the afternoon session were three papers delivered to the Assembly titled "Planned Lodge Masonry"; "The Value of Masonic Enlightenment"; and "Masonic Profession and Practice". These papers taking the place of the usual exemplification work found favor with the brethren in attendance, and the visiting Grand Lodge Officers. On Masonic matters of question, we were ably instructed by R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, and R. W. Bro. Geo. Ellis,—D.G.M.,— Grd. Sec.,— and J G. W., - respectively. The lodge reports were well presented by the attending Masters, and revealed a renewal of Masonic interest, and favorable prospects for progress in the constituent lodges of the district.

A MASONIC 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Included as an item of the entertainment program of the District Meeting, was the presentation of a Scroll signed by all attending brethren, complimentary to W. Bro. J. C. Cotterill, P.M. of Crocus Lodge No. 115 on his attainment of a half century of Masonic life. W. Bro. Cotterill was raised in Cosmos Lodge No. 470 on the Register of the G. L. of Iowa, having spent approximately one half of his Masonic life in the

United States, and one half in our Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta. The presentation address made by R. W. Bro. George Moore, Deputy Grand Master, was a masterpiece of beautiful thoughts suitable to the occasion, and applicable to our highly esteemed veteran of Masonry in Masonic District No. 14.

OFFICIAL VISITS

As four of the lodges are located on a non-gravelled highway, several of my attempts to make official visit trips proved abortive on account of impassable roads. I was however, able to make an official visit to all of the lodges, and additional visits to several of them. The dates, lodges, and places of official visits are as follows:

July 13 —	Crocus Lodge No. 115 —	Chinook
Aug. 22 —	Oyen Lodge No. 104 —	Oyen
Sep. 28 —	Berry Creek Lodge No. 158 —	Pollockville
Nov. 2 —	Hand Hill Lodge No. 98 —	Delia
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Jan. 31 —	Craigmyle Lodge No. 132 —	Craigmyle
Mar 28 —	Acadia Lodge No. 82 —	Youngstown
Apr. 5 —	Hanna Lodge No. 78 —	Hanna

CONDITION OF MASONRY

This district being within the confines of what is known as the drought area, Masonry has been, practically speaking, at a stand still during the past decade. I am pleased, however, to report that the present year reveals a decided change. Every lodge in the district is receiving Petitions, Masonic interest is keener, and Lodge attendance improved. This change is due to four reasons: A good Crop last Fall; Reduced initiation fee; Grand Lodge Bulletin; Inter-Lodge visitations; and a renewed application to Masonic Research and Education.

MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Although all of the lodges are not as yet fully active in this work, every one of them has found the G.L Bulletin to be helpful in stimulating interest in Freemasonry, and of value in making the Lodge communications more interesting. The senior lodge, Hanna No. 78 distributes 50 copies of the Bulletin every month to resident members and resident non-affiliated Masons. The smaller lodges have but the three copies furnished by Grand Lodge. These are perused by the Officers, and articles from the Bulletin read in lodge. On observing the value there is in our Bulletin, so ably edited by M. W. Bro. Alex. Mitchell, P.G.M., Grand Lodge would do well to devise ways and means of bringing about a general circulation of this journal of Masonic enlightenment among the entire membership of the Grand Jurisdiction.

In taking a keener interest in Masonic Research and Educational Work, the lodges in this district realize that higher enlightenment in things Masonic better qualify the Officers and active members for the ceremonial functions and associated activities of the lodge. We look forward to progress in this branch of Lodge Work.

NATIONAL AND FRATERNAL LOYALTY

As a gesture of National and Fraternal Loyalty, the District Lodges will hold a special Assembly at the Hanna Temple on May 3rd

next, the occasion to be known as Masonic "Empire Night," which is being held as a forerunner of the impending visit to Canada of M. W. Bro. His Majesty George VI, during the month of May. The lodge proceedings will be highlighted significant of the occasion and will be followed with a Banquet and applicable program, including Toast List, entertainment items, and an Address by Wor. Bro. Col. D. G. L. Cunnington, of Calgary, Guest Speaker of the evening. The King's visit to Canada will be the first of any British Monarch. His Majesty being a distinguished member of the Craft, this special Assembly is being held by the brethren of the district to exemplify the lesson of Loyalty so strongly stressed in the teachings of the Fraternity.

GENERAL

It is quite evident M. W. Sir, that the lodges of this district are Masonically stable, as the receptions given me as Grand Lodge representative were dignified, and the welcome truly Masonic.

At this time I express my sincere wish to my successor Wor. Bro. W. B. Dunlop for a successful and enjoyable term as D.D.G.M.

The kind and willing cooperation extended to me by Grand Lodge, I am appreciative of, and thankful for.

In closing, I heartily thank the brethren of my own Lodge, Hanna No. 78, for their kind support in accompanying me on the visits I made to the other lodges of the district, especially my predecessors, R. W. Bros. Odell and Argue, who so kindly cooperated with me in my duties as your representative.

Fraternally submitted,

ARTHUR G. BOND
D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Bashaw, April 28, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Freemasonry in the 15th Masonic District for the year between the Annual Grand Communications of the years A.L. 5938—5939.

At the outset of the term, I was fortunate in securing the assistance of R. W. Bro. G. W. Spires of Cavell, No. 125, a P.D.D.G.M., as District Secretary, and any measure of progress in Masonic affairs during the year has been in no small measure due to the efficiency with which he has conducted the duties devolving upon him. I wish to express my thanks to him for his valued assistance and the benefits I have obtained from his experience.

I was able to make an Official Visit to each of the lodges in the district, with one exception, before the Annual District Meeting and Lodge of Instruction; and on every occasion I was pleased to be accompanied by R. W. Bro. H. Ford of Fidelity, No. 76, P.D.D.G.M. These visits were made on the regular meeting night except to Cavell No. 125, where the Master and Officers held an emergent meeting for my convenience. To the brethren who accompanied me, who drove me, and who visited me from other lodges I wish to accord my appreciation of their zeal for the Ancient Craft, and to record my feelings of assurance for the progress of Freemasonry in the district so long as they remain to meet us within our tiled places. It is their willingness to travel many miles, and often under inclement weather conditions that make this association of seven lodges into a staunch fraternal union, of which it is a great privilege and high honor to be District Grand Master. If my record of these services seems fulsome, when their labour is contrasted with those of the brethren of the pre-automobile age, I would have you remember that we are all decadent in these days, or else the multiplicity of the amenities of life today occupies our time more and more, and—"there were giants in those days."

To avoid repetition as I comment lodge by lodge on the observations made at these visits, I wish to record now, that in every case I found the books and records in excellent order, not only in those lodges which has the services of a Past Master, with his experience, as Secretary, but in all. Summonses and correspondence with me were promptly attended to, every courtesy was given to me to make my visits a success, as far as the efforts of the lodges were concerned; gratifying attendances of the brethren, including also Past Masters, was generally the rule, and many very kindly words of appreciation of my visit and its effect have encouraged and supported me.

Also in these general remarks rather than in invidious personal reflections, I would here comment on the work, which varied all the way from flawless to noticeably imperfect. This might be invariably flawless, if the lodge Director of Ceremonies really instructed the officers in their duties, and particularly if the Examining Boards of the Masters-Elect saw to it that the incoming Masters were painstakingly assisted in the labour of making themselves as proficient in the work as they generally are in the important duties involved in the government of the lodge, and would then automatically give their certificate with complete assurance of its veracity. It appears to me that very little is done in this way by the examining boards and the Master-Elect is left, as are all self-coached students, in the position of mistaking familiarity with knowledge. The duties of an Examining Board should consist in examining the proficiency of the Master-Elect, and also in coaching the Senior Warden for his examination by the Board to be elected the next year.

I must comment on the election of brethren in the lodges to the very important post of Junior Warden. In almost every case the election of a Junior Warden one year is the election of the Worshipful Master two years later, and the South should only be occupied by a brother that all of the brethren wish to see in and know can discharge effectively the work of the East. There exists no law expressed or implied that the Senior Deacon will become the Junior Warden at the end of his year. He has been given the privilege, by the Master who appointed him, of serving the lodge in this office as being the best fitted, both by aptitude and experience for that work, of all the brethren belonging to the lodge,

right down to the last raised brother, and his reward is in being elevated to serve the lodge in that capacity for a year. The knowledge of work well done is its own reward. If he be efficient and as efficient or rather more efficient than the rest, not only in the work but in all that appertains to being a Freemason, there is no doubt that the brethren who associated with him will put him in the South unanimously; but he holds no brief for their suffrage. There are other brethren who have served year after year thoroughly and painstakingly in chairs where only special qualifications can allow their appointment, such as the Organist and the Chaplain, and if an unfailing precedent of electing the senior Deacon to the Junior Warden's chair be established, the Craft would be bereft of the unique abilities of these in the higher offices from whence good government and sound policies emanate.

The heavy arrears of dues, over $200.00 in two of the lodges and over $300.00 in one makes a serious position, and it is to be hoped that the Constitution with regard to unpaid dues will be rigidly adhered to, either by a generous gesture on the part of the lodge or the axe applied and the arrears be obliterated. I do not see that it is necessary for a brother to be carried as a Mason in good standing, when he is unwilling to discharge honourably his obligations to his lodge, and if he is not able to carry that financial responsibility it behoves the brethren to expunge his indebtedness.

There is a custom in this District, and I believe generally throughout the Jurisdiction of holding what is called a "Past Masters' Night," when all the offices including that of the Master are filled from the beginning of the meeting by Past Masters, and that the Master himself although present, does not even take the Chair for opening of the Lodge and confirmation of the minutes. My opinion is of course only my own, but I cannot see any advantage in this arrangement at all and there are many disadvantages, and I am supported by high authorities in saying that this abdication by the Master is neither right nor legal. The occasional vacating of the Chair to permit someone else to do a ceremony is a different matter.

Acme Lodge No. 60. I made my Official Visit on Oct. 6th, 1938. It is always a pleasure to visit Acme and spend an evening in the homelike lodge room with its comfortable easy chairs and enjoy the fraternal feeling that is always evident. Unfortunately very little work has been done in recent years and consequently active life in spreading the teachings of the Craft is dormant. It is to be hoped that the reduction of the Initiation fee will have the result desired by the brethren of attracting new members. Masonic instruction, attention to the sick and benevolent work keeps up such interest that a goodly percentage of the members, including past masters attend the lodge. I trust that the hope of the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. J. H. Folkard and the brethren for renewed life and vigour will be very immediately fulfilled.

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 66. My Official Visit was made on Oct. 13th, 1938. This lodge being equally distant from the north and south ends of the district will always be open on the centre; and it is from this lodge that the D.D.G.M.—elect has been chosen, and so he will have an advantage over one from an extreme end of this 127 mile long district in which the lodges are linked by a gravel highway except two, Fidelity and Ancient Landmark, which are situate in the twenty mile north end of dirt roads. The Master, W. Bro. T. Goodlet and the brethren are Masonically-minded and this is contributed to in some degree by each

member of the lodge receiving a copy of the Grand Lodge Bulletin. The officers are earnest and zealous, and the brethren are much given to Masonic visiting. This is one of the three lodges in the district that owns their lodge room.

Fidelity Lodge No. 76. My Official Visit was made on the 1st November 1938. As this is the lodge of my place of residence and I am an affiliated member it may perhaps be as well to leave comment on the efficiency of the lodge to my successor. At the date of my visit the Master, W. Bro. J. C. Mundy was in the East; and as it was during the Silver Jubilee Year of the Lodge, I gave some thoughts suitable to such a milestone in the history of the Craft in this village. I was interested to be informed that the lodge had never missed its meeting on the regular meeting night throughout, and that all degrees had been conferred individually: with this habit I heartily concur, and such has been my custom on such occasions as I have been invited to give degree work.

The initiation fees of this lodge are the highest in the district. When I look over the financial statement and consider the cost of operating the lodge, I consider that the rental charge to the tenant organization is not adequate for the excellent accommodation afforded, and suggest that this rental be increased until the lodge has discharged certain financial obligations which are impending over it, that is be honest before you are generous.

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 109. I paid an Official Visit to this Lodge on September 7th 1938. The work of W. Bro. H. Conway, the Master and his officers, the records and the care of the property are all thorough; and it is with real regret I have to record that failing attendance and lack of candidates has caused the brethren here to go so far towards their extinction as a lodge as to take a vote on surrendering their Charter and considering affiliation elsewhere. This unhappy event has for the time being been postponed and an Installation by dispensation was held in March 1939 If any action of the neighbouring lodges could assist in fostering our brotherhood in Mirror, I assure Ancient Landmark that they need but ask. The summons shows the determination against extinction of the members in that only five officers are not Past Masters, assuredly my wish for them is "Resurgam."

Cyprus Lodge No. 113. My Official Visit was held on Oct. 19th 1938, W. Bro. J. S. Burril being the Master and in the Chair. This lodge is situate in the only town in District No. 15. Here I meet brethren active, whom I have always associated with Cyprus. The first Master, R. W. Bro. J. W. McFee, has the unique distinction of being a Past Warden of a Sister Jurisdiction, and is as active and indefatigable as he was when we first met him fifteen years ago. Twelve copies of the *Bulletin* are subscribed for, and so Masonic interest is by no means self-centred at Cyprus.

The Annual Roll-call of the brethren of the lodge, called each year and responded to either by a personal greeting or a word by mail or wire is an interesting feature at Cyprus. I had the pleasure of being present in April, and learned much from the brethren's record of what impressed them most in Masonry.

Cavell Lodge No. 125. This being the lodge of which I was Master in 1927, and of which I have been an officer almost continuously since, I attend all regular meetings that I possibly can. I had the Master call an emergent meeting on September 1st, 1938 for the purpose of receiving

me on an Official Visit. The lodge has been through the depressing times of no candidates, in fact so scarce had applications become that the Master, W. Bro. J. C. Manning, was also the latest initiate. Twice has the lodge considered by vote, whether to return their Charter to Grand Lodge, but the motion was lost and some activity resulted - We all poke our fire on occasion. Since my visit there has been a return to life: three candidates for initiation and one for affiliation; so the traditions of Cavell for vitality are restored. I was permitted to initiate two of these candidates and was gratified and felt highly complimented on the number of Past Masters who attended and assisted in the work of conferring the degrees.

I notice with pleasure that the officers who were associated with me when Master, and who are still resident, are yet active in lodge affairs. I say no more of Cavell, or I will be told there is only one perfect child and every mother has it.

Irricana Lodge No. 137. The Official Visit as District Deputy Grand Master to Irricana had to be postponed and was held on Nov. 15th, 1938 after the District Annual Meeting held in Delburne. This postponement which I was compelled to make twice was a source of disappointment to all of us A small attendance of the brethren was caused by several members and one of the Wardens attending a ceremony of an order dependent on Masonry for its raison d'etre in an adjacent village

The Master, W. Bro. A. J. Wildig, welcomed me into a recently decorated hall, of goodly proportions and truly Masonic in decorations, with kindly greetings. I had previously been the guest of honour at Irricana and the courtesy of the words of welcome I received made me believe that I was indeed a welcome guest at Irricana.

The brethren claim their lodge room to be unequalled as a village Masonic hall in the jurisdiction. We of Fidelity are reluctant to grant even this soft impeachment, but being ourselves without mortgage we do not heed comparisons from out of our class.

The W. Bro. Secretary had recently been transferred by the C.N.R. to another point, and R. W. Bro. LeRoy Bond, the Immediate P.D.D.G. M. had inherited an exemplary set of records, delightfully written up in writing which was almost copper-plate, typical of the nearly lost art of engrossing.

The officers of Irricana give the finest and most impressive interpretation of the work one sees in many moons. The Summons to Irricana reads:"Motto for 1938— No arrears of Dues" and it is regrettable that the pious hope has not been entirely fulfilled. Again I ask this lodge to consider my suggestion as to unpaid dues.

Irricana desires to be host to the District Meeting this fall, and have accommodation and the spirit of hospitality.

THE DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Delburne on November 2nd

This meeting was honoured by your presence, M. W. Sir, together with other distinguished visitors from Edmonton whose presence we gratefully acknowledge.

The business of the district and exemplification of matters of interest and instruction in the work was completed at an afternoon session, which was interrupted once by an interval for tea. The meeting was held in the United Church by kind permission of the Pastor, R. W. Bro. J G Goddard and the Church Board, for which kindly hospitality we are much indebted. A discussion of the Constitution concerning amalgamation of lodges had been looked forward to with interest; but the opener of the discussion did not attend, and so was not present when called.

The selection of a Past Master of the District to present to the Grand Master-elect for 1939 for confirmation of appointment as D.D.G M. was made and W. Bro. E. A. Roach of St. Andrew's No. 66 was chosen; and the lodge of Irricana No. 137 offered their lodge hall and hospitality for the Annual Meeting.

The closing, with all chairs occupied by P.D.D.G.M's in regalia, was an effective pageant and impressed us that District No. 15 has had a lengthy existence in Central Alberta.

The meeting was succeeded by a Banquet in the Village Hall where dinner was served by the Ladies Guild of the United Church. Musical interludes during the evening were supplied by R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull of Empire No. 63, Edmonton, who attended accompanied by the Master and Senior Warden of that lodge. M. W. Bro. Dr. C. C Hartman of Olds was unable to be present owing to the alarming sickness of his daughter, which happily did not prove to be as serious as anticipated. V. W. Bro. W. T. Coote of Star of the West No. 34, Leduc, the Senior Grand Deacon, was present and in a response to the toast for visitors was accorded appreciation by an interested audience.

Your address, M. W. Sir, recording an interesting visit to Halifax and other cities of an Epochal visit of distinguished brethren from the British Isles was heard with much pleasure and evident enjoyment.

During the day regalias were presented to the last two D.D.G.M's., R. W. Bros. J. C. Smith and LeRoy W. Bond and a chain collar to R.W. Bro. J. D. Murdoch. Threatening of bad weather hurried the proceedings and the Tyler's Toast was introduced followed at once by the Junior Warden's.

Subsequent to the District Meeting I have visited fraternally and officially the lodges of the District, but these visits have been much interfered with by inclement weather conditions; and my purpose of fostering inter-lodge visiting on these occasions, though meeting with a fair measure of success, has fallen short of my entire desire.

Freemasonry in District No. 15 shows healthy interest on the part of all the brethren, a fair measure of prosperity and efficiency. My continuous kindly reception and hearty co-operation at all points makes me very thankful and appreciative of the distinguished honour you have given to me at the desire of the brethren of the district, and I reluctantly pass on my office to my successor with every kindly wish for progressive success, and I would also ask to be permitted to offer him my entire assistance, if he cares to and can make use thereof.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN RAPER,
D.D.G.M. District No. 15.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Rosebud, April 29, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

For your consideration and approval I beg to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 16 during my term of office.

First I wish to express to you my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in my election to an office in Grand Lodge and to be your personal representative for the past year in this district of which I assure you I have endeavored to prove worthy. I also wish to express thanks and gratitude for the confidence the brethren of the district placed in me in my election and for their courtesy extended to me while paying official and fraternal visits I have endeavored to make the personal acquaintance of every member present in the lodge rooms, believing this to be one of the first duties of a representative of the Grand Master. My year of office has been one of continual pleasure to me and I trust my efforts have met with your approval and that I have been of some assistance both to Grand Lodge and the brethren.

The period of uncertainty and continued depression through which we are passing has cut the membership about 20 percent since the high mark of December 31st, 1929 (4.59 to 3.63) but during this same period lodge debts have been paid off with one exception and many improvements and additions to present structures have been made, until the combined assets of the district are as follows:

Cash and Bonds	..	$ 5,189.68
Building and Regalia		18,055.32
Liabilities	$746.80	
Net value	.	22,498.20

During the past few years of uncertainty, world unrest and local problems, a new and better understanding, a better Masonic spirit, has developed amongst Masons -a closer fraternal relationship than has ever existed before. In past years, in the better times, the individual member was too concerned with his own affairs to pay much attention to his fellowmen. I have found a splendid spirit of harmony prevailing throughout the district

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in Rosebud on October 21st, and was opened by members of Rosebud Lodge No. 149. During the evening session the officers of Drumheller Lodge No. 146 occupied the chairs. M. W. Bro. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, R. W Bro. Geo. Moore, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Geo. Ellis, J. G. W. and other Grand Officers and distinguished brethren were present. R. W. Bro. Griffis delivered an address on the Moral Law and Carbon brethren put on a very instructive Masonic play. W. Bro. E. A. Wagler was elected D.D.G.M. to succeed myself and Carbon was chosen as the place for our next District Meeting. A banquet was served by the Ladies' Aid.

VISITS

I had the pleasure of visiting my mother lodge, Gleichen No. 36, on the evening of April 4th, 1939, accompanied by members of Rosebud

Lodge, to witness the third degree conferred by R. W. Bro. A. R. Yates, who conferred the same degree on me twenty-seven years ago. The concensus of opinion was that the worthy brother had not lost any of his "punch" with the passing of the years, for the work was well done. Brethren from Bassano, Strathmore and Rosebud Lodges were in attendance. After a sumptuous repast of corned beef and cabbage, V.W. Bro. T. H. Beach introduced the speakers of the lodges and the "Eskimos" from District No. 16.

I wish to express many thanks to the Strathmore brethren for the pleasant social evening I spent with them on the night of their 25th anniversary on April 19th.

I have visited officially each lodge in the district once or twice and paid several unofficial fraternal calls. The following is a list of the lodges and dates upon which I paid my official visits:

Symbol Lodge No. 93. On the night of March 9th, I paid the above lodge an official visit, rather late in my term of office, but for various reasons I was prevented from doing so sooner. However, a large attendance was present and my belated visit did not in any way hamper the warm reception I received. There was no degree work but the opening and closing and business of the lodge was conducted very efficiently. The records of the lodge are well kept and the Historical Register has been written up to date. This lodge is in a very strong financial position, having a substantial bank balance and a splendid Temple, well furnished and very well kept. Symbol is to be congratulated on their home and the new reading room just completed.

On April 27th I paid a fraternal visit to witness the second degree conferred by the Past Masters, which was done in a creditable manner.

Carbon Lodge No. 107. This lodge was officially visited on July 12th and again on December 6th. On the last date I had the honor and pleasure of unveiling a group photograph of Past Masters who had presided during the past twenty years. This was to commemorate their 20th anniversary. R. W. Bro. Braisher, first Master, was in the Chair and still takes a very keen interest in the lodge, having only missed three meetings since the lodge was instituted. Carbon district has been hailed out for three consecutive years. The lodge finances, however, are good, very little dues are outstanding and the records are well kept. They own their lodge hall, which is free of debt and they also have a nice little library.

Rockyford Lodge No. 123. On June 20th I paid my official visit to Rockyford Lodge. The second degree was conferred in a creditable manner. The Past Masters take a keen interest in the lodge and helped with a good part of the work. The lodge owns its home with a balance of debt still outstanding. At the time of writing this report the debt has had a substantial reduction. Rockyford sponsors a very successful "Burn's Night" and holds several social functions which tend to keep members interested in the lodge. The officers are proficient in their work and the records are well kept.

Hussar Lodge No. 130. I paid my official visit to this lodge on August 8th. This district has had the first real crop in a number of years and although dried out and having lost their lodge room by fire a few years ago, they are still financially sound, and have rebuilt their hall by their own efforts, a real example of co-operation. A good brother who has a monument plant in Calgary presented them with three marble

slabs to cover each dias. They have a loose-leaf minute book, which in my opinion is not a very safe way in which to record the proceedings of a lodge. The records are well kept.

Drumheller Lodge No. 146. On October 18th, I paid Drumheller Lodge an official visit. The third degree was conferred upon a brother, the work being put in a very impressive manner. The Master and Officers are well conversant with their duties and the records kept by the Secretary are a splendid example of neatness. This lodge is the only one showing an increase in membership over a ten year period and they are financially in good shape. I was happy to meet at this meeting the D.D.G.M. of District No. 16, R. W. Bro. A. G. Bond of Hanna, having had the pleasure of reading his manuscript "Masonic Insight," a commendable work. This lodge has many social entertainments and fraternal gatherings.

Rosebud Lodge No. 149. I made my official visit on March 9th, 1939, to this my home lodge. They have the smallest membership of any lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta and is held together by the 100 percent faithful few, having only ten resident members. Considerable difficulty is experienced in carrying on and obtaining a quorum for the meetings. Rosebud has lost most of her members by migration to other parts. I have suggested amalgamation, but the majority think it advisable to carry on at least for the present year, as they have finances to do so. The records are well kept and they have no outstanding dues.

Standard Lodge No. 152. On the night of November 21st I paid an official visit. The evening was cold and stormy, but the attendance was good. The lodge was late in getting started but a good meeting followed, mostly centred around the question of admitting members, qualifications, etc. Standard is the youngest lodge in the district and has a small membership, but what they lack in numbers they make up in goodwill and hospitality. The books and records are well kept.

I paid Standard an unofficial call with several of the Rosebud brethren on their annual "Andy Davison Night", August 13th, this being their eleventh consecutive celebration of the institution of their lodge by R. W. Bro. Davison, Mayor of the City of Calgary. A large number were in attendance. Music, a banquet and a play put on by King George Lodge, completed a very pleasant and profitable evening.

CONCLUSION

I should like to recommend the discontinuance of loose-leaf minute books and the reduction of dues to non-resident members. I would also stress the desirability of lodges exemplifying a degree upon the official visit of the D.D.G.M., principally to promote interest and a knowledge of the ritual by the officers and brethren of the lodges. Only three lodges in this district had a candidate this year and some have not conferred a degree for several years. The ritual in some cases is almost forgotten and if a degree has to be exemplified by each slate of officers it would be a great help when a candidate presented himself.

This, M. W. Sir, concludes my report. I trust my humble efforts may help to promote the spirit of Freemasonry in this district. I wish once more to express my gratitude and thanks to the brethren throughout the district for their splendid support, and especially for their attendance

to make the District Meeting a success. I also wish to express sincere thanks to M. W. Bro. Kemmis, our Grand Secretary, for his many long letters of advice and I bespeak for my successor continued support and co-operation.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN MARTIN,
D.D.G.M. District No. 16.

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Irma, April 17, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

Herewith I have the honor to submit my report as D D.G.M. for District No. 17 for the year 1938-39.

My term of office as D.D.G.M. will always be a memorable one in my life. The many pleasant evenings which have been spent I shall never forget and the pleasant associations will linger long in my memory.

Wherever and whenever I have made a visit, either official or otherwise, I have been received with the utmost enthusiasm and makes me feel glad to belong to an organization such as Freemasonry. The benefits received and the glad handshakes have been most wonderful and if the brethren of the lodges in District No. 17 have enjoyed my visits with them as I have enjoyed being with them, I feel that the time spent has surely been worthwhile. This district is composed of eight lodges, all situated on the C.N.R. main line east of Edmonton, and extends from Tofield to Chauvin, and being somewhat fortunate in the fact that I live in the centre of the district, made my work so much easier as far as travelling was concerned.

I was very sorry I was unable to accept the invitation which I received from Harmony Lodge, Sedgewick, to their 25th anniversary, but road conditions made it impossible for me to attend this important function.

Our District Meeting was held in Irma on October 24th after a postponement of a month, as the original date was set for Fri. Sept. 23rd, and for which postponement I wish to thank most sincerely the M. W. the Grand Master as I feel sure that had it been held on the original date we would have had a very poor attendance owing to the fact that most of our members in this district are farmers, who were all busy threshing during September. The attendance was not so large as I had expected, although all lodges were represented and all the members who were present reported having a good and profitable time. M. W. Bro. A. West, Grand Master, honoured us with his presence, accompanied by M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey and R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell. The afternoon session was taken up by a general discussion of Masonic affairs such as lodge attendance, matters of finance and management and benevolence. A great deal of enlightenment and information in the

discussions were given us by the M. W. the Grand Master and also by M. W. Bro. Downey. The reports of the various Masters of the lodges in the district were heard and a brief resume of their activities and progress during the year were given. The meeting was called from labour to refreshment at 6 o'clock when a wonderful banquet was provided by the Irma Women's Institute which was enjoyed by all the brethren. We were privileged to hear short speeches after the banquet by the M. W. the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, V. W. Bro. C. G. Purvis, M. W. Bro. M. Downey, R. W. Bro. Chapman, Bro. Bell and R. W. Bro. H. Rollans. At 7:30 o'clock labour was again resumed when the unfinished business of the afternoon session was cleaned up, after which the nominations for D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year were taken. There being only one nomination, that of Wor. Bro. Geo. Shieman of Dynamic Lodge No. 96, he was declared elected, subject to the approval of the Grand Master at the next Annual Communication.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Palestine Lodge No. 46, Tofield. On Wednesday, November 16, accompanied by W. Bro. Foxwell and W. Bro. Yarr of Gratton Lodge I visited Palestine Lodge No. 46, Tofield. This lodge is fortunate in having very capable officers and a very nice Lodge Hall in which to hold their meetings, and according to the register are favored with a fairly good attendance of members. On this particular visit no work was exemplified. The ballot was passed on an application for affiliation which was accepted and it was pleasing to note that another application for affiliation and an application for initiation were read, both of which were received and committee appointed. Having had no applications for a considerable time it would appear that for Palestine Lodge was beginning the dawn of a new era in Masonry. The lodge is to be commended on having a very efficient Secretary whose work at all times shows a very keen interest in Masonry. The lodge records and books are kept in splendid condition and are up-to-date. The financial affairs of the lodge are in excellent condition and the members are to be congratulated for their loyalty to the Order.

Albion Lodge No. 97, Chauvin. I paid an official visit to this lodge on Thursday, December 1st, accompanied by W. Bro. Foxwell and was very graciously received by the brethren. The business of the lodge, including the opening and closing ceremonies, was very well conducted, the Master and his Wardens being very precise and dignified in their work. The Register of Albion Lodge shows a very good attendance of members who would appear to be very energetic in the fact that they own their own Hall which is a wonderful asset to a small town Lodge and also shows the wonderful spirit of Masonry which prevails. Finances seem to give the brethren of Albion Lodge little concern. They have a few delinquent members, but with a much better crop in 1938 they hope to reduce their number and the prospects are bright. The monthly copy of the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* was read and freely discussed by the members and is engaging the attention of several well-informed brethren. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place and was well conducted.

Edgerton Lodge No. 102, Edgerton. Accompanied by several brethren of Gratton Lodge I visited Edgerton Lodge No. 102 officially on Monday, December 5, when a very good attendance of members were present and some visitors from Chauvin. The Master and Officers of this lodge are very efficient in their work, the business being well

conducted and here again quite an interest is taken in the Grand Lodge *Bulletin* which was read in part and quite a discussion taken up. Edgerton Lodge are to be congratulated in owning a hall of their own which speaks volumns for the good spirit of Masonry which prevails amongst the members of the district. With not a very large membership they have converted a dwelling house into a spacious hall and although not very pretentious it is Home Sweet Home to the members of Edgerton Lodge. The records and finances are very well kept and faithfully attended to by W. Bro. Mitchell.

Connaught Lodge No. 69, Viking. Having paid several visits to this lodge during the year I feel quite at home when visiting Connaught but decided to pay an official visit on Tuesday December 6th, accompanied by several brethren from Gratton Lodge. A very good attendance of brethren were on hand to greet us, being augmented by two cars of brethren from St. John's Lodge, Vegreville, which made a worthwhile evening long to be remembered. The Master and Wardens of Connaught Lodge are very active and energetic, this being in my opinion the best lodge in the district for snap and action and it is to be regretted that the Past Masters of the lodge do not attend a little more regularly and give these worthy brethren more support in their work. The Secretary, Bro. H. B. Collier, is to be highly commended for his work in writing up the Historical Register; being illustrated by snapshots this is a truly wonderful work and well worth the consideration of other lodges. Two applications for initiation have been received and committees appointed, which will no doubt create a little enthusiasm for the next few meetings.

Dynamic Lodge No. 96, Holden. On Wednesday December 7th, along with several faithful brethren of Gratton Lodge, I journeyed to Dynamic Lodge to pay my official visit I was again agreeably surprised at the good attendance of members and again two cars of brethren from St. John's, Vegreville, were present to see the business of the lodge conducted and hear our remarks. Dynamic Lodge is another of our very active lodges, having a year or so ago purchased a Hall and now own one of the finest meeting places in District No. 17, which is beautifully decorated, the members themselves each and all taking an active part in the work. Dynamic Lodge is in a very healthy condition and its members, particularly the Past Masters actively participate in the work. I was privileged to attend another meeting of this lodge during the year when a large number of visitors from Edmonton and sister lodges were in attendance to witness a candidate take the third degree which was very capably handled by the Master and officers and at which ceremony quite a number of Past Masters took part in the work.

Gratton Lodge No. 144, Irma. On Thursday, December 15, I made an official visit to my own lodge, Gratton No. 144 with a fairly good attendance of members present. On previous occasions I have tried to impress the brethren that owing to the lack of candidates, which has been the case in almost all lodges in the district, they should exemplify the degrees and Gratton Lodge took my advice seriously, for at this meeting the Master and officers exemplified the first degree in a very efficient and capable manner. It is pleasing to note that an application for initiation has been accepted in this lodge, the first one for five years, and it is my sincere wish that this one will be the forerunner of more, as when there is a lack of candidates there is surely a lack of interest taken in lodge work. Gratton Lodge, like many of our sister lodges is composed mainly of Past Masters who all take an active interest in the work at all times. The financial affairs of this lodge are in an excellent

condition, the books and records being very well attended to and very neatly kept by our worthy Secretary W. Bro. T. Yarr.

Victory Lodge No. 112, Jarrow. I visited this lodge officially on Thursday, January 5th, accompanied by W. Bro. Foxwell. Victory is the smallest lodge in the district in numbers, having only a resident membership of eleven with an average attendance of nine; but this is entirely overcome by the enthusiasm displayed by the members who are all Past Masters except one. I have visited this lodge on several occasions and find them very energetic in their work. For instance, on one occasion these Past Masters gave the working tools of the degrees, and on another visit, the obligations were given and again the Grand Lodge Bulletin was read, after which quite a discussion took place which would prove that the members of Victory Lodge still take a great interest in Masonry, which should set an example for some of the larger lodges in the district. Victory Lodge have no financial troubles, being able to carry on with the receipts they receive and pay their way without any obligations. The books and records are faithfully attended to by R. W. Bro. J. A. Waite and W. Bro. V. Lindberg.

Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44. I had the very great pleasure of officially visiting Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44 on February 1st, accompanied by W. Bro. Foxwell, and W. Bro. Bishop. Buffalo Park Lodge is the largest in District No. 17, having a membership of 60. They own a very fine hall which is a great credit to the faithful Masons of the Wainwright district. The register of this lodge would indicate a very serious decline in the attendance of members for some time past which is to be regretted in a lodge like Buffalo Park. The business of the lodge including the opening and closing was well conducted, the Master and Officers giving their work in a very precise and dignified manner and it seems to me a great pity that more of the older members who are resident in the town would not turn out and help along the good work and give their support to the faithful few who do attend regularly. The Secretary's work and the records are kept in a very satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Robinson.

The statistical report will show a slight decrease in membership in District No. 17, the grim Reaper having accounted for seven faithful brethren who passed to the Grand Lodge Above where the World's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever and ever. Eight members have been dimitted and six suspended for N.P.D. owing to the distressing times we have been travelling through. During the year very little degree work has been done owing to a dearth of candidates and I would like to suggest that each lodge should at least exemplify one of the degrees on the official visit of the D.D.G.M. in the future. This report does not include any work done during the year 1939 and it is very pleasing to note that since the advent of the year several lodges in the district have had applications both for initiation and affiliation and I sincerely hope that this condition will continue throughout the year so that our future D.D.G.M. will have an increase to report instead of a decrease. In a financial way no lodges of the district have experienced any trouble which is a lot to be thankful for, the district having passed through strenuous times in the last few years.

In conclusion, I would like to mention my sincere and hearty thanks to all the brethren of District 17 for the honour accorded me in electing me as their D.D.G.M. and to express my appreciation for their hospitality and co-operation during the year. I would also like to thank W. Bro.

A. E. Foxwell who acted as District Secretary throughout the year and also the brethren of Gratton Lodge who accompanied me on my visits in acknowledging the many kindnesses and courtesies and assistance given by those who accompanied me. I am at a loss for words to really express my appreciation. I value highly the many friendships formed and my reward is the pleasant memories.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN FLETCHER,
D.D.G.M. District No. 17.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. R. G. Thompson (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. S. Gough (20), "That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry."

CALLED FROM LABOUR

Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment at 5.45 o'clock p.m.

First Day = = = *Evening Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 7.45 o'clock p.m.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

Calgary, June 14, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Since the last Annual Communication no books have been purchased for the Grand Lodge Library, but we have pleasure in acknowledging the following donations:

History of Freemasonry in New Jersey (1783-1937) by David McGregor, Grand Historian.

Baltimore Conference of Grand Masters, by Arthur F. Pimbley—a special publication limited to 500 copies, containing an account of Dedication Week, a description of the new Masonic Temple and the story of the loss of the old home by fire in 1908, together with the first Conference of Grand Masters held in the United States in 1909, on the 122nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, when General Thos J. Shryock was re-elected for the twenty-fifth consecutive term as Grand Master.

History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders (1891 edition), donated by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis, Grand Treasurer, who states that this volume was brought to Calgary many years ago by Bro. R. A. Darker, well known in the City of Calgary, now resident at the Coast.

We have also received the Annual Proceedings of Grand Lodges with which we maintain fraternal relations and many bulletins and periodicals published by some of these Grand Bodies, for which the thanks of Grand Lodge should be recorded.

Again this year about forty volumes from the Grand Lodge circulating library have been issued, in response to requests principally from brethren who were preparing papers for presentation to their lodges.

We received a request from the Grand Lodge of Venezuela for some suitable souvenir volume to be placed in their new library, opened on the 100th anniversary of that Grand Lodge in September, 1938. As we have no history of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, it was thought that a volume containing our Grand Lodge Bulletin, with suitable inscription would be appropriate and I would like to have the authority of Grand Lodge for same, especially as we have recently established fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
Grand Librarian.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby (83), seconded by M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), "That the report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Calgary, June 14, 1939.

To the M. W the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

A meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on Thursday, June 9th, 1938, immediately after the close of Grand Lodge, a full quorum being present, with the Deputy Grand Master in the chair. The chairmen of the several committees were unanimously elected and the personnel of the committees left to the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary to name.

The committee then adjourned to meet in the City of Calgary on Tuesday, June 13th, 1939, when all matters pertaining to the several committees were distributed and dealt with by the board.

Considerable discussion took place relative to the balloting for and election of Grand Lodge officers, and the board recommends to Grand Lodge that the incoming Grand Master appoint a special committee to investigate and report upon our method of election of officers and make such recommendations as appear proper, implementing the same with notices of motion for the next communication of Grand Lodge.

The reports of the several sub-committees of Grand Lodge were presented to the board, and these will in due course be submitted to Grand Lodge for their consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9). seconded by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), "That the report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Calgary, June 14, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals begs to report that no appeals have been presented to them for any action,

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. JACKSON,
M. M. DOWNEY,
W. H. READ,
W. T. LINGARD,
A. G. R. BOND,
Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. G. Bond (78), "That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Calgary, June 14, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The outstanding incident having bearing on our Foreign Relations was the Trans-Canadian Tour of distinguished brethren representing the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland. It was the good fortune of several of our Alberta brethren to meet and entertain the distinguished visitors, both at Edmonton and Calgary, and there can be no doubt that the ties which bind Canadian Masonry with the Grand Lodges of the Motherland were materially strengthened by the exchange of courtesies.

Applications for recognition were received from the Grand Lodge of Colombia in Bogota and the National Grand Lodge of Palestine. In both cases your committee recommends that recognition be deferred until more information is available to warrant a fraternal decision.

On the recommendation of the committee our Grand Master sought and was granted recognition and exchange of representatives by the Grand Lodge of Venezuela. Venezuela has just celebrated its one hundredth anniversary and as souvenir has asked each of the Grand Lodges to add a volume to its Grand Lodge Library. A complete set of our *Grand Lodge Bulletin*, to the end of volume four, suitably bound, will be submitted as Alberta's contribution.

Negotiations between Alberta and The Netherlands for recognition are still incomplete.

Two Grand Lodges, both in Czechoslovakia in the City of Prague have come under the Nazi ban, thereby, temporarily we can but hope, breaking the bond of fraternal communication between us and the National Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the Three Rings.

The Annual Reviews of Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions are submitted with this report, and as usual it is recommended that they be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by M. W. Bro. John Martland (63), "That the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

Report of the Grand Secretary

Calgary, June 14, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith present the Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Grand Secretary's office (my tenth report), containing a statement of monies received from lodges and lodge balances for the financial year ending February 28th, 1939. A statement of receipts and expenditures and of the assets and liabilities as of that date will be found in the Auditor's Report. I also present a synopsis of the returns of the lodges to December 31st, 1938, together with a statement of certificates issued; by-laws and amendments thereto; dispensations issued and all other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master and transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS

Eight hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

CERTIFICATES

In accordance with Section 75 of the Constitution, certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 212 Master Mason Certificates to brethren raised during the year.

During the past year 24 Life Members were registered and the requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 125 Past Masters' Certificates to Past Masters who applied for the same.

BY-LAWS

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-laws of the following:

Sexsmith, No. 160	Dec. 12, 1938
West Edmonton, No. 101	Jan. 4, 1939
St. John's, No. 25	Jan. 21, 1939
Charity, No. 67	Jan. 25, 1939
Carbon, No. 107	May 24, 1939

Amendments to By-laws

Brooks, No. 73	July 4, 1938
Big Valley, No. 140	July 4, 1938
Lethbridge, No 39	July 23, 1938

Pyramid, No. 108	Aug.	25,	1938
Kitscoty, No. 131	Aug.	25,	1938
Morning Star, No. 79	Aug.	30,	1938
Acadia, No. 82	Sep.	1,	1938
Berry Creek, No. 158	Sep.	30,	1938
Victory, No. 112	Oct.	13,	1938
Spirit River, No. 116	Oct.	13,	1938
North Star, No. 4	Oct.	26,	1938
Strathcona, No. 77	Oct.	26,	1938
Earl Haig, No. 155	Oct.	26	1938
Cairo, No. 32	Nov.	5,	1938
Palestine, No. 46	Nov.	8,	1938
Bow Island, No. 64	Nov.	8,	1938
Gratton, No. 144	Nov.	8,	1938
Gleichen, No. 36	Nov.	18,	1938
Crocus, No. 115	Nov.	18,	1938
Ivanhoe, No. 142	Nov.	19,	1938
Patricia, No. 91	Nov.	25,	1938
Big Valley, No. 140	Nov.	25,	1938
Symbol, No. 93	Dec.	12,	1938
Nobleford, No. 111	Dec	12,	1938
Spirit River, No. 116	Dec.	12,	1938
Hussar, No. 130	Dec.	12,	1938
Big Valley, No. 140	Dec.	12,	1938
Lochearn, No. 151	Dec.	12.	1938
Victory, No. 112	Dec.	15,	1938
Star of the West, No. 34	Dec.	15,	1938
Standard, No. 152	Dec.	15,	1938
Ancient Landmark, No. 109	Dec.	19,	1938
Doric, No. 31	Jan.	5,	1939
Robert Burns, No. 49	Jan.	5,	1939
Acme, No. 60	Jan.	5,	1939
Oyen, No. 104	Jan.	5,	1939
Lucerne, No. 159	Jan.	5,	1939
Drumheller, No. 146	Jan.	7,	1939
Nobleford, No. 111	Jan.	10,	1939
Sentinel, No. 26	Jan.	20,	1939
Commercial, No. 81	Jan.	21,	1939
Edmonton, No. 7	Jan.	25,	1939
West Edmonton, No. 101	Jan.	25,	1939
Manyberries, No. 133	Jan.	25,	1939
Symbol, No. 93	Feb.	14,	1939
Hythe, No. 156	Feb.	14,	1939
Unity, No. 51	Feb.	24,	1939
Chinook, No. 47	Mar.	7,	1939
Coal, No. 62	Mar.	7,	1939
Excelsior, No. 80	Mar.	14.	1939
Edgerton, No. 102	Mar.	14,	1939
Sharon, No. 157	Mar.	14,	1939
Rocky Mountain, No. 86	Mar.	31,	1939
Carbon, No. 107	Mar.	31,	1939
Jasper Park, No. 143	Mar.	31,	1939
Crescent, No. 87	Apr.	10,	1939
Verdigris, No. 100	Apr.	10,	1939
Grande Prairie, No. 105	Apr.	10,	1939
Alliance, No. 135	Apr.	10,	1939
Cairo, No. 32	Apr.	14,	1939

Stavely, No. 33	Apr.	14,	1939
Rosebud, No. 149	Apr.	20,	1939
Grassy Lake, No. 57	Apr.	27,	1939
Comet, No. 50	May	1,	1939
Provost, No. 61	May	6,	1939
Star of he West, No. 34	May	18,	1939
Albion, No. 97	May	18,	1939
Onoway, No. 138	May	18,	1939
St. Alban's, No. 145	May	30,	1939
Diamond City, No. 65	May	30,	1939
Bow Island, No. 64	May	30,	1939
Diamond City, No. 65	June	2,	1939

DISPENSATIONS

To Wear Regalia at Divine Service

Mountain View, No. 16	June	10,	1939
St. Mark's, No. 118	June	10,	1939
Big Valley, No. 140	June	10,	1939
Star of the West, No. 34	June	13,	1939
Forestburg, No. 128	June	18,	1939
Corinthian, No. 22	June	21,	1938
Strathmore, No. 53	June	22.	1939
Granite, No. 127	June	24,	1939
Charity, No. 67	Sep.	23,	1939
Hope, No. 38	May	12,	1939
Peace River, No. 89	May	12,	1939
Manyberries, No. 133	May	23,	1939
Sexsmith, No. 160	May	25,	1939

To Hold Special Installations

Jasper, No. 14	June	10.	1938
Edson, No. 68	June	10,	1938
Verdigis, No. 100	June	13,	1938
Vermilion, No. 24	June	14,	1938
West Edmonton, No. 101	June	17,	1938
Kitscoty, No. 131	June	18,	1938
Norwood, No. 90	June	24,	1938
Commercial, No. 81	Nov.	16,	1938
Unity, No. 51	Nov.	19,	1938
Empire, No. 63	Nov.	22,	1938
Saskatchewan, No. 92	Nov.	22,	1938
Ivanhoe, No. 142	Nov.	25,	1938
Forestburg, No. 128	Nov.	28,	1938
Perfection, No. 9	Dec.	5,	1938
Acacia, No. 11	Dec.	5,	1938
Dominion, No. 117	Dec.	5,	1938
Calgary, No. 23	Dec.	7,	1938
Ashlar, No. 28	Dec.	7.	1938
Summit, No. 30	Dec.	7,	1938
Strathcona, No. 77	Dec.	7,	1938
Concord, No. 124	Dec.	7,	1938
Meridian, No. 129	Dec.	7,	1938
St. Mark's, No. 118	Dec.	9,	1938
Bow River, No. 1	Dec.	12,	1938

Alliance, No. 135	Dec.	12,	1938
King George, No. 59	Dec.	19,	1938
Rosebud, No. 149	Dec.	21,	1938
Zetland, No. 83	Dec.	22,	1938
Renfrew, No. 134	Dec.	24,	1938
Melrose, No. 139	Dec.	24,	1938
Drumheller, No. 146	Dec.	27,	1938
Comet, No. 50	Dec.	27,	1938
Morning Star, No. 79	Dec.	29,	1938
Excelsior, No. 80	Dec.	29,	1938
Whitecourt, No. 153	Dec.	31,	1938
Earl Haig, No. 155	Dec.	31,	1938
Kitchener, No. 95	Jan.	2,	1939
Bassano, No. 55	Jan.	3,	1939
Grassy Lake, No. 57	Jan.	4,	1939
Bow Island, No. 64	Jan.	4,	1939
Hand Hill, No. 98	Feb.	16,	1939
Ancient Landmark, No. 109	Feb.	16,	1939

To Elect and Invest Out of Time

Monitor, No. 120	June	14,	1938
Big Valley, No. 140	July	23,	1938
Star of the West, No. 34	Aug.	16,	1938
West Edmonton, No. 101	Sep.	20,	1938
Spirit River, No. 116	Dec.	12,	1938
Wahpun, No. 88	Jan.	4,	1938
Rockyford, No. 123	Jan.	4,	1938
Cyprus, No. 113	Jan.	5,	1938
Champion, No. 84	Jan.	10,	1939
Peace River, No. 89	Jan.	16,	1939
Charity, No. 67	Jan.	17,	1939
Renfrew, No. 134	Feb.	1,	1939
Kitchener, No. 95	Feb.	2,	1939
Efficiency, No. 141	Mar.	1,	1939
Ancient Landmark, No. 109	Mar	13,	1939
Medicine Hat, No. 2	Mar.	16,	1939
Bowden, No. 42	Apr.	27,	1939
St. John's, No. 25	Apr.	20,	1939
Berry Creek, No. 158	May	27,	1939

To Change Regular Hour of Meeting

Concord, No. 124	Sep.	15,	1938
Concord, No. 124	Oct.	14,	1938
Jasper Park, No. 143	Nov.	7,	1938
North Star, No. 4	Jan.	26,	1939
Concord, No. 124	Apr.	20,	1939
Concord, No. 124	May	23,	1939

To Change Regular Night of Meeting

Carstairs, No. 20	June	10,	1938
Symbol, No. 93	June	10,	1938
Dominion, No. 117	June	10,	1938
Oyen, No. 104	July	4,	1938

Ivanhoe, No. 142 ..... July 29, 1938
Ivanhoe, No. 142 ..... Sep. 2, 1938
Sharon, No. 157 ..... Sep. 3, 1938
St. Mark's, No. 118 ..... Sep. 15, 1938
North Star, No. 4 ..... Oct. 1, 1938
Corinthian, No. 22 ..... Oct. 14, 1938
Stavely, No. 33 ..... Oct. 14, 1938
Zetland, No. 83 ..... Oct. 14, 1938
King George, No. 59 ..... Oct. 24, 1938
Rising Sun, No. 122 ..... Oct. 27, 1938
Rockyford, No. 123 ..... Oct. 28, 1938
Empire, No. 63 ..... Nov. 22, 1938
Mountain View, No. 16 ..... Dec. 21, 1938
Zetland, No. 83 ..... Dec. 22, 1938
Tuscan, No. 43 ..... Jan. 10, 1939
Commercial, No. 81 ..... Feb. 14, 1939
Zetland, No. 83 ..... Mar. 13, 1939

To Hold Meeting of Lodge without any of Principal Officers

Ivanhoe, No. 142 ..... Aug. 15, 1938

To Move Charter & Hold Meeting without the Jurisdiction of Lodge and District

Ivanhoe, No. 142 ..... Aug. 15, 1938

To Confer Degree Within Time Prescribed by Constitution

Camrose, No. 37 ..... Oct. 1, 1938

To Act Without Residence Qualifications

Gleichen, No. 36 ..... Oct. 3, 1938

INCORPORATED LODGE

A certificate was issued to enable them to register for incorporation to:

St. John's Lodge, No. 25 ..... Dec. 27, 1938

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

A list of Commissions issued to Grand Representatives in other Grand Lodges and recommendations made by the M. W. the Grand Master of brethren as Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, is given in the Grand Master's Address.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The following Special Committees were appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Grand Lodge Finances

R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, Chairman; R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale, W. Bro. O. C. Smith and W. Bro. J. J. Petrie.

Revision if Ancient York Rite Work

M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, Chairman; M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone, V. W. Bro F. Whitfield, and R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, D.G.M., ex-officio.

Fifty-year Jewel

M. W. Bro. John Martland, Chairman; M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay.

Masonic Research and Education and Grand Lodge Bulletin

M. W. Bro. A. M Mitchell, Chairman and Editor; M W. Bro. M. M. Downey, R. W. Bro. A. G. R. Bond, R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell and W. Bro. C. S. Kilgour.

Grand Master's Address

M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, Chairman; M. W. Bro. John Martland and M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman.

Grand Secretary's Report

M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, Chairman; R. W. Bro. W. H. Chapell, R. W. Bro. W. Dayman, and R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale.

Fraternal Dead

R. W. Bro. Thos. Hart, Chairman; M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton and M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership, December 31, 1937 (as corrected) 11,055

Increase

Initiated		240	
Passed	223		
Raised	212		
Joined		131	
Reinstated		82	
Total Increase			453

Decrease

Dimitted		255	
Suspended N.P.D.		232	
Died		124	
Total Decrease			611
Net Decrease			158
Total Membership, December 31, 1938			10,897

These membership figures are encouraging in that our net decrease is the lowest on record. Dimissions and suspensions are decreasing substantially, while initiations are increasing and there are signs that this condition will continue. We may, therefore, confidently expect that the yearly loss we have sustained for so long will soon become a memory of the past—not to be forgotten, but kept in mind as a stabilizing influence should we experience with returning prosperity another unusual spate of applications as happened during the ten years preceding 1930, for it would appear that during a surfeit of applications those who should carefully guard our portals become careless.

LODGE RETURNS

The half-yearly returns from lodges have been made in most cases promptly, but it seems we must always have a few who are late. Some make the excuse that the Master is away and they cannot secure his signature, apparently not realizing that the Senior Warden, or in his

absence the Junior Warden, rules the lodge and can sign the returns. I regret, however, that many Secretaries still do not seem able to complete these forms correctly. Important information is often omitted, as when reporting initiations and affiliations, necessitating correspondence to obtain correct birth data, etc. Some Secretaries have to write their returns instead of typing, and it would greatly facilitate matters if names, in such cases, were clearly written in block letters. It is common to have to re-issue Master Mason certificates because the brother's name on the return was illegible.

LODGE NOTICES

Keeping a record of all lodge notices received this year, I find there are still some lodges who do not have the lodge seal on their notices. Perhaps they think this is unnecessary, but the Constitution, Section, 161, definitely states that summons must bear the seal of the lodge.

Many lodges call their Installation meeting a Regular meeting on their notices. One received recently had their regular meeting called for one week and their Installation as a "regular" meeting for the following week—two regular meetings in the same month. It would be natural for some of their members seeing this to attempt to do business at the Installation meeting, which can only be done at a regular meeting. An Installation meeting is neither regular or emergent, it is a Festival meeting and should be designated and regarded as such, to avoid misunderstanding

DISPENSATIONS

This year more requests than usual for dispensations have been received for dates later than the Annual Communication. Dispensations in such cases cannot be issued until after Grand Lodge as the present Grand Master cannot issue dispensations for dates after his year of office has terminated. It has been suggested that the incoming Grand Master could indicate his approval or otherwise, but if such a thing became a custom it might have serious consequences which should be obvious, apart from the fact that no one except a Grand Master can issue a dispensation. Therefore, these requests have been held up until after the Annual Communication when the new Grand Master will deal with them. In some cases, where the requests are for dispensation of a routine nature and the lodge wishes to get its notices out, I have notified them to place on their notice "subject to dispensation from Grand Master."

THE BULLETIN

The circulation of the Bulletin is gradually increasing, but there are still lodges who have no subscribers and the three copies which they receive free are not circulated amongst their members, though they may be read in lodge. It has been suggested that as there are a large percentage of the members in every lodge who are non-resident, the lodge could retain their interest by mailing to them with their lodge notice a copy of the bulletin each month, which would cost the lodge 20c per member for the year. This seems a worthwhile suggestion and at this low cost would have a desirable influence in retaining these non-resident members. It is also suggested that Masters should appoint some brother to canvas members for subscriptions and to see that the bulletins are delivered to members attending lodge. This might have the effect of promoting discussion at lodge meetings.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The highlight of last year was the visit of the Delegates from the Grand Lodges of the British Isles, and their all too brief stay was greatly enjoyed by those who met them. The visit of these distinguished Masons of the Grand Lodges from which Masonry as we know it has spread all over the world, and which still retain leadership in matters Masonic by reason of their staunch adherence to the ancient tenets and principles, was an inspiration and an education. These brethren, several of whom hold high and important positions in public and private life, all of them busy men, are deeply interested in Masonry and find time for Masonic service, deeming it a privilege to serve in any capacity. One could not help but be impressed by their viewpoint. They seemed to feel that to be given Masonic work to do, often arduous and perhaps involving considerable inconvenience, was an honor and a privilege, and to do that work well was not only a duty but their chief reward.

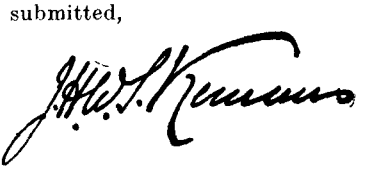
The interchange of views and opinions made one realize the substantial base on which our fraternal relations rest—Grand Lodge with Grand Lodge and individual Masons with one another. They met us without formality, immediately finding points of contact and establishing friendly confidence, and in the short time they were with us completely dispelled the feeling of vague and distant relationship. We are now acquainted. We can visualise these brethren at work in and for their Grand Lodges. For instance, I had the pleasure of a chat with my brother Grand Secretary of Scotland, R. W. Bro. T. G. Winning, and we found our problems much the same and our experiences similar. The effect of this visit should make us realize that the bonds of friendship and brotherhood between those loved old lands and this new one have been strengthened and cemented anew.

THE ROYAL VISIT

H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught, who has recently terminated thirty-eight years of service as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, was entirely right when he said that Freemasonry is one of the props of Empire. It is, and in evidence of that in this jurisdiction, the lodges at their May meetings in various ways marked the visit of Their Majesties, the King and Queen, to Alberta. In Calgary the Royal Procession passed the Masonic Temple where Grand Lodge has its offices, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion by the Board of Management and Grand Lodge. A print from the photograph of the Temple will appear in the Proceedings.

It was not possible in any other way for Grand Lodge as a Body to express their loyalty and welcome to our Royal Visitors, who by their gracious bearing during a long and tiring journey have endeared themselves to all Canada. The enthusiastic reception they have had in every part of our Dominion, from coast to coast, should have the effect of establishing throughout Canada a feeling of solidarity and brotherhood, which is as essential in a nation as it is in our own Order.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary.

Financial Report of the Grand Secretary and Auditor's Report for the Year Ending February 28th, 1939

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge.

Monies received between February 1, 1938, and February 28, 1939

No.	*Name of Lodge*	*Amount*
1.	Bow River	$243.98
2.	Medicine Hat	246.30
3.	Alberta	98.35
4.	North Star	187.95
5.	Cascade	66.75
6.	Spitzie	39.10
7.	Edmonton	266.90
8.	Innisfail	114.10
9.	Perfection	395.10
10.	Eureka	127.90
11.	Acacia	262.30
12.	Red Deer	122.85
13.	Victoria	72.80
14.	Jasper	152.40
15.	Wetaskiwin	127.75
16.	Mountain View	125.20
17.	Nanton	92.90
18.	Britannia	105.20
19.	Cornerstone	177.25
20.	Carstairs	49.20
21.	King Hiram	123.55
22.	Corinthian	202.05
23.	Calgary	201.60
24.	Vermilion	126.30
25.	St. John's	149.15
26.	Sentinel	61.30
27.	Apollo	139.50
28.	Ashlar	177.75
29.	Kenilworth	97.90
30.	Summit	87.95
31.	Doric	53.00
32.	Cairo	92.70
33.	Stavely	59.40
34.	Star of the West	85.15
35.	Mizpah	161.40
36.	Gleichen	84.40
37.	Camrose	115.85
38.	Hope	67.25
39.	Lethbridge	176.10
40.	Joppa	47.63
41.	King Solomon	49.66
42.	Bowden	99.00
43.	Tuscan	48.90
44.	Buffalo Park	61.45
45.	Ionic	38.20
46.	Palestine	56.80
47.	Chinook	23.10
48.	Crossfield	116.65
49.	Robert Burns	33.45
50.	Comet	33.00
51.	Unity	418.90
53.	Strathmore	77.70
54.	Mount Lebanon	234.65
55.	Bassano	94.00
56.	Beaver	69.90
57.	Grassy Lake	28.25
58.	Chief Mountain	44.70
59.	King George	337.10
60.	Acme	57.75
61.	Provost	68.65
62.	Coal	48.60
63.	Empire	129.15
64.	Bow Island	60.30
65.	Diamond City	46.70
66.	St. Andrew's	90.82
67.	Charity	85.05
68.	Edson	217.95
69.	Connaught	38.05
70.	Quarry	56.95
71.	Tawatinaw	49.25
72.	Coronation	77.55
73.	Brooks	124.90
74.	Vulcan	107.40
75.	Harmony	45.95
76.	Fidelity	90.75
77.	Strathcona	168.80
78.	Hanna	103.40
79.	Morning Star	68.60

No.	*Name of Lodge*	*Amount*
80.	Excelsior	29.10
81.	Commercial	156.75
82.	Acadia	54.75
83.	Zetland	318.85
84.	Champion	63.50
86.	Rocky Mountain	72.15
87.	Crescent	256.65
88.	Wahpun	77.60
89.	Peace River	94.70
90.	Norwood	124.35
91.	Patricia	290.55
92.	Saskatchewan	151.74
93.	Symbol	175.60
94.	Lamont	62.00
95.	Kitchener	38.80
96.	Dynamic	50.50
97.	Albion	45.65
98.	Hand Hill	72.00
100.	Verdigris	64.40
101.	West Edmonton	155.80
102.	Edgerton	49.20
103.	Foremost	61.20
104.	Oyen	52.80
105.	Grande Prairie	121.60
106.	Lake Saskatoon	61.10
107.	Carbon	64.70
108.	Pyramid	36.45
109.	Ancient Landmark	41.30
110.	Kilwinning	81.05
111.	Nobleford	39.10
112.	Victory	23.65
113.	Cyprus	51.20
114.	Westlock	90.55
115.	Crocus	50.64
116.	Spirit River	74.05
117.	Dominion	170.80
118.	St. Mark's	271.75
119.	York	140.90
120.	Monitor	36.80
122.	Rising Sun	58.15
123.	Rockyford	71.85
124.	Concord	169.26
125.	Cavell	30.00
126.	Pembina	68.35
127.	Granite	95.09
128.	Forestburg	49.77
129.	Meridian	54.85
130.	Hussar	44.55
131.	Kitscoty	50.11
132.	Craigmyle	28.45
133.	Manyberries	68.57
134.	Renfrew	136.11
135.	Alliance	37.15
136.	Cresset	60.55
137.	Irricana	45.25
138.	Onoway	36.80
139.	Melrose	24.90
140.	Big Valley	69.15
141.	Efficiency	43.62
142.	Ivanhoe	238.70
143.	Jasper Park	111.90
144.	Gratton	36.65
145.	St. Alban's	81.60
146.	Drumheller	91.15
147.	Northland	53.85
148.	Mayerthorpe	61.10
149.	Rosebud	19.05
151.	Lochearn	72.20
152.	Standard	27.60
153.	Whitecourt	62.45
154.	Waskatenau	25.85
155.	Earl Haig	41.50
156.	Hythe	41.90
157.	Sharon	29.05
158.	Berry Creek	68.35
159.	Lucerne	13.80
160.	Sexsmith	43.55
	Masonic District No. 2	55.00
	Masonic District No. 4	25.00
	Masonic District No. 5	85.00
	Masonic District No. 8	85.00
	Masonic District No. 9	35.15
	Masonic District No. 11	71.50
	Masonic District No. 13	100.00
	Masonic District No. 14	85.00
	Sundry Account	1.75
	Total	$15,766.65

DEBIT BALANCES

As at February 28, 1939

No.	*Name of Lodge*	*Amount*
1.	Bow River	1.00
4.	North Star	2.00
5.	Cascade	63.60
6.	Spitzie	42.90
8.	Innisfail	.15
13.	Victoria	4.60
18.	Britannia	.20
22.	Corinthian	.15
23.	Calgary	1.50
24.	Vermilion	58.60
25.	St. John's	1.60
26.	Sentinel	.50

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
27.	Apollo	.75
29.	Kenilworth	.20
34.	Star of the West	2.02
37.	Camrose	.15
39.	Lethbridge	.15
40.	Joppa	3.17
41.	King Solomon	4.15
43.	Tuscan	2.20
44.	Buffalo Park	3.40
47.	Chinook	21.80
48.	Crossfield	196.39
50.	Comet	4.55
51.	Unity	2.15
53.	Strathmore	1.25
57.	Grassy Lake	.40
63.	Empire	2.50
66.	St. Andrew's	.75
69.	Connaught	.28
70.	Quarry	.20
71.	Tawatinaw	.30
72.	Coronation	1.20
73.	Brooks	3.00
74.	Vulcan	7.00
76.	Fidelity	37.45
78.	Hanna	.30
79.	Morning Star	1.30
81.	Commercial	2.00
89.	Peace River	1.00
90.	Norwood	.30
91.	Patricia	.80
93.	Symbol	15.00
95.	Kitchener	9.55
96.	Dynamic	.60
101.	West Edmonton	.15
102.	Edgerton	.40
103.	Foremost	16.25
104.	Oyen	3.05
106.	Lake Saskatoon	1.80
107.	Carbon	1.25
113.	Cyprus	3.00
115.	Crocus	.15
118.	St. Mark's	1.60
122.	Rising Sun	25.25
124.	Concord	3.00
125.	Cavell	.30
130.	Hussar	2.00
134.	Renfrew	2.15
136.	Cresset	.35
137.	Irricana	36.70
139.	Melrose	.55
140.	Big Valley	.25
141.	Efficiency	.15
145.	St. Alban's	2.95
148.	Mayerthorpe	7.55
149.	Rosebud	.20
153.	Whitecourt	15.75
155.	Earl Haig	1.00
156.	Hythe	1.55
159.	Lucerne	13.75
	Masonic District No. 9	85.00
	Total	$729.16

CREDIT BALANCES
As at February 28, 1939

2.	Medicine Hat	.75
3.	Alberta	.62
9.	Perfection	.05
10.	Eureka	.55
11.	Acacia	2.00
12.	Red Deer	.05
14.	Jasper	.50
15.	Wetaskiwin	.25
16.	Mountain View	5.66
19.	Cornerstone	2.00
20.	Carstairs	2.61
30.	Summit	.50
32.	Cairo	.50
36.	Gleichen	.15
42.	Bowden	.35
45.	Ionic	.75
46.	Palestine	.75
64.	Bow Island	2.10
65.	Diamond City	5.60
75.	Harmony	.15
80.	Excelsior	.25
82.	Acadia	.45
83.	Zetland	.20
87.	Crescent	.60
88.	Wahpun	1.25
92.	Saskatchewan	.15
94.	Lamont	2.25
98.	Hand Hill	4.00
100.	Verdigris	.65
105.	Grande Prairie	.60
112.	Victory	2.60
116.	Spirit River	.35
117.	Dominion	3.45
119.	York	5.95
120.	Monitor	.35
131.	Kitscoty	.60
132.	Craigmyle	.15
133.	Manyberries	.05
138.	Onoway	.70
142.	Ivanhoe	4.50
152.	Standard	1.00
154.	Waskatenau	.25
157.	Sharon	.15
158.	Berry Creek	.50
160.	Sexsmith	.25
	Masonic District No. 5	85.60
	Masonic District No. 11	.10
	Masonic District No. 12	1.50
	Masonic District No. 14	1.25
	Masonic District No. 15	3.00
	Total	$148.59

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Calgary, May 13th, 1939.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I have conducted an audit of the books of your Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the year ended February 28th, 1939, and submit herewith the following Statements:

BALANCE SHEET as at February 28th, 1939.

REVENUE ACCOUNT for the year.

Statement of CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS of the General Fund, Relief and Benevolent Funds.

SCHEDULE showing the changes effected in the Benevolent Fund Capital Account and the Relief Fund Account during the past year.

SCHEDULE showing the Investments held in the Benevolent and Relief Funds, the cost, interest received thereon during the year and the amount of the accrued interest to February 28th, 1939.

I have had submitted to me full and sufficient vouchers covering all payments made, and these have been duly authorized by the Finance Committee.

In company with the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, I attended at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Calgary, and examined the Securities held on behalf of the Benevolent and Relief Funds and found same to be in order.

During the past year the coupons on the Province of Alberta Bonds since June, 1936, were cashed and the interest accepted at the reduced rate of one-half of the value mentioned in the Bonds. Inasmuch as the accrued interest had been calculated at the full rate, it was necessary for me to make an adjustment of $4,055.05 to the Relief Fund Surplus Account.

The amount due from lodges, $729.16, is the smallest on record, there being only one lodge in arrears and they are making every effort to liquidate their debt. The Secretaries of lodges should remember that Grand Lodge pays the exchange on all cheques over $5.00, and it appears to be the practice of some lodges to send two cheques at one time where one would do and thus save considerable bookkeeping and expense to Grand Lodge.

The Revenue Account of the General Fund for the period shows an excess of Expenditure over Income in the amount of $2,196.16 and, after making an allowance of $1,000.00 from the Relief Fund, the net loss is $1,196.16. This is accounted for by reason of a reduction of $405.63 in the Revenue and an increase of $1,163.81 in the Expenses, a considerable portion of this being largely due to the Travelling Expenses of the Grand Master. All other items of Expense show a decrease.

Subject to the foregoing remarks, I am of the opinion that the attached Balance Sheet and accompanying Statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of Grand Lodge as at February 28th, 1939, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant,
Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Balance Sheet as at February 28th, 1939

ASSETS

General Fund:			
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia:			
Current Account	$3,293.52		
Drought Relief	83.58		
		$ 3,377.10	
Balances due from Lodges		729.16	
Books, Stationery and Supplies		1,219.77	
Office Supplies on Hand		254.29	
Furniture and Fixtures		1,646.38	
Regalia		778.65	
			$ 8,005.35
Benevolent Fund:			
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia		$ 221.29	
Investments in Bonds (cost) (Par Value $204,000.00)		189,128.27	
Accrued Interest		1,841.07	
			191,190.63
Relief Fund:			
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia		$ 8,544.75	
Investments in Bonds (cost) (Par Value $17,500.00		17,931.25	
Accrued Interest		244.51	
			26,720.51
Trust Funds:			
Walton Trust Fund—			
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia		$ 283.69	
Strachey Trust Fund—			
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia		28.48	
			312.17
			$226,228.66

LIABILITIES

General Fund:			
Balance due to Lodges		$ 148.59	
Unexpired Proportion of Life Memberships		588.25	
Drought Relief Fund		83.58	
Surplus Account—			
Balance, March 1, 1938	$8,381.09		
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	1,196.16		
		7,184.93	
			8,005.35
Benevolent Fund:			
Capital Account—			
As per Schedule attached			191,190.63
Relief Fund:			
Surplus Account—			
As per Schedule attached			26,720.51
Trust Funds:			
United Grand Lodge of England—			
Walton Trust Fund		$ 283.69	
Strachey Trust Fund		28.48	
			312.17
			$226,228.66

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

BENEVOLENT FUND CAPITAL ACCOUNT

As at February 28th, 1939

By Balance, March 1, 1938		$189,651.57
Affiliation Fees		136.00
Proceeds, Sale of Rochfort Farm		644.85
Profit on Exchange of Bonds		1,955.37
Interest on Savings		30.22
To Charges on Bonds	$ 67.61	
Adjustment on Accrued Interest	1,159.77	
Balance to Balance Sheet	191,190.63	
	$192,418.01	$192,418.01

RELIEF FUND SURPLUS ACCOUNT

By Balance, March 1, 1938		$ 30,308.85
Interest on Bonds		7,022.01
Membership Fees		5,215.75
Refund, Wright Estate		400.00
Interest on Savings		50.72
To Loss on Province of Alberta Bonds:		
On Interest Reduction	$ 4,055.05	
Payments to Beneficiaries	11,199.27	
Expenses of Board	22.50	
Allowance to General Fund	1,000.00	
Balance to Balance Sheet	26,720.51	
	$ 42,997.33	$ 42,997.33

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA A.F. & A.M.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For 12 Months ended February 28th, 1939

By Membership Fees			$ 7,302.05
Initiation Fees			476.00
Certificate Fees			587.00
Dispensations			124.00
Life Membership Fees			183.46
Supplies Sold			970.46
Regalia Sales			571.41
Affiliation Fees			130.00
Sundries			15.00
GROSS INCOME			$10,359.38
To Cost of Supplies Sold:			
Inventory, Mar. 1, 1938	$1,541.51		
Purchases	483.89		
	$2,025.40		
Less Inventory Feb. 28, 1939	1,219.77		
		$ 805.63	
To Cost of Regalia Sold		509.44	
To Office Expenses:			
Salaries	$5,050.00		
Rent and Light	1,140.00		
Telephone and Telegrams	124.85		
Postage and Express	295.86		
Janitor Service	167.00		
Office Supplies	31.84		
Exchange	45.50		
General Expense	88.45		
		6,943.50	
To Printing	$1,236.72		
Insurance	11.53		
Grand Lodge "Bulletin"	149.75		
		1,398.00	
To Travelling Expenses:			
Grand Master—1937-38	$ 854.36		
1938-39	794.89		
Grand Officers	143.60		
		1,792.85	
To Grand Lodge Expenses:			
Annual Communication Expense	$ 230.66		
Presentation, Regalia	191.40		
Presentation, Jewels	78.12		
		500.18	
To Entertainment, British Delegation		336.50	
To Depreciation:			
Furniture and Fixtures	$ 182.93		
Regalia	86.51		
		269.44	
			12,555.54
			$ 2,196.16
Less Allowance from Relief Fund			1,000.00
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME			$ 1,196.16

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for 12 Months ending February 28th, 1939

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS		
To Balance in Bank, March 1, 1938	$ 4,006.79	By Salaries	$ 5,050.00	
Receipts from Lodges	15,766.65	Printing	1,236.72	
Donations, Drought Relief	135.00	Rent	1,140.00	
		Postage and Express	295.86	
		Office Supplies	72 64	
		Janitor Service	167.00	
		Telephone and Telegrams	124.85	
		Insurance	11.53	
		Grand Lodge "Bulletin"	149.75	
		Exchange	52.55	
		By General Expense	88.45	
				$ 8,389 35
		By Travelling Expenses:		
		Grand Master—1937-38	$ 854.36	
		1938-39	794.89	
		Grand Officers	143.60	
				1,792.85
		By Grand Lodge Expense:		
		Annual Communication, Edmonton	$ 230.66	
		Presentation, Regalia	191.40	
		Presentation, Jewels	78.12	
				500.18
		By Entertainment British Delegation		336.50
		By Regalia for Resale	$ 509.44	
		Books and Stationery for Resale	483.89	
				993.33
		By Donations Drought Relief		167.38
		By Transfer, Relief Fund		4,215.75
		Transfer, Benevolent Fund		136.00
		By Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia:		
		Current Account	$ 3,293.52	
		Drought Relief Fund	83.58	
				3,377.10
	$ 19,908.44			$ 19,908.44

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For Year ending February 28th, 1939

BENEVOLENT FUND

To Balance in Bank, March 1, 1938	$ 618.80	
Affiliation Fees	136.00	
Proceeds from Rochfort Farm	644.85	
Premium, City of Calgary Bonds	3,527.78	
Interest on Savings Account	30.22	
By Purchase of Dominion of Canada Bonds, 3%		$ 4,725.51
Transfer Fees		10.85
Balance in Bank		221.29
	$ 4,957.65	$ 4,957.65

RELIEF FUND

To Balance in Bank, March 1, 1938	$ 3,039.59	
Interest on Bonds	12,060.46	
Membership Dues	4,215.75	
Receipts from Lodges on Account of Beneficiaries	556.50	
Refund, Wright Estate	400.00	
Interest on Savings	50.72	
By Cheques issued to Beneficiaries		11,755.77
Expenses of Board		22.50
Balance in Bank		8,544.75
	$20,323.02	$20,323.02

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

BENEVOLENT FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

February 28th, 1939

Maturity	*Rate of Interest*	*Par Value*	*Cost*	*Annual Interest*	*Accrued Interest*
March 15th, (Perpetual)	3 %	$ 19,000.00	$ 18,096.25	$ 570.00	$ 259.23
March 15th, (Perpetual)	3 %	5,000.00	4,668.75	150.00	68.21
		$ 24,000.00	$ 22,765.00	$ 720.00	$ 327.44
Province of Alberta:					
January 1st, 1948	5 %	$ 10.000.00	$ 9,300.00	$ 250.00	$ 40.41
October 15th, 1954	4½%	13,000.00	12,545.00	292.50	108.99
October 1st, 1956	4½%	5,000.00	5,062.50	112.50	46.54
October 1st, 1958	4½%	2,000.00	1,787.60	45.00	18.62
May 1st, 1960	4½%	5,000.00	3,912.50	112.50	36.98
June 1st, 1967	4½%	24,000.00	23,734.70	540.00	133.15
May 1st, 1960	4½%	500.00	480.00	11.25	3.70
September 1st, 1955	5 %	38,500.00	37,710.75	962.50	481.25
September 1st, 1955	5 %	23,000.00	21,390.00	575.00	287.50
		$121,000.00	$115,923.05	$2,901.25	$1,157.14
City of Calgary:					
January 1st, 1962	4½%	$ 40,000.00	$ 31,342.22	$1,800.00	$ 290.92
City of Edmonton:					
February 1st, 1967	4½%	$ 19,000.00	$ 19,098.00	$ 855.00	$ 65.57
TOTAL		$204,000.00	$189,128.27	$6,276.25	$1,841.07

Relief Fund Investment Account

Dominion of Canada:					
November 1st, 1956	4½%	$ 5,000.00	$ 4,937.50	$ 225.00	$ 69.86
November 1st, 1956	4½%	2,500.00	2,466.25	112.50	34.93
November 1st, 1956	4½%	5,000.00	5,040.00	225.00	69.86
November 1st, 1956	4½%	5,000.00	5,487.50	225.00	69.86
		$ 17,500.00	$ 17,931.25	$ 787.50	$ 244.51

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (**6**), seconded by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), "That the report of the Grand Secretary, except that of the Financial Statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, and the Financial Statement, including the Auditor's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance."

MASONIC TEMPLE

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

Calgary, June 14, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

"By their fruits shall ye know them". Such is the acid test applied by the ordinary individual to all human institutions, civil or religious, beneficient or educational. It is one which we, as Freemasons, can face without a tremor. Of the three Grand Principals on which Freemasonry is founded, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, perhaps too much emphasis has been placed by many on Relief. A fusion of the Three is necessary for full fruition of Masonic endeavor.

We wish to say at the outset, in presenting the annual report of the Board of Benevolence, that it has been, as always, a pleasure and privilege to be actively engaged in the important work of dispensing your benevolence, which we have endeavored to do with a full sense of our responsibility. Since the inception of the Board many and varied are the types of cases which have been presented for consideration. Each has been dealt with on its merits and we hope to the satisfaction of all concerned, so that down through the years we have evolved a system to meet the particular requirements of this jurisdiction, and in the Constitution are set forth the regulations which enable us to administer this Trust with a minimum of difficulty.

New aspects, however, are continually being presented to us, which necessitate a liberal interpretation and application of these regulations. Thus when a brother was in danger of losing a valuable asset through sickness and distress, we were able to come to his assistance without impairment of our funds, thereby relieving the anxiety of himself and wife and maintaining his self respect in knowing that his widow would not be a charge on the Craft.

Another case is that of a young man who from early boyhood had been disabled through an accident and for years had been a heavy burden to his parents. He has now been restored to health and vigor through the assistance we were able to render, so that today he has become a useful member of society.

In this connection should be mentioned the valuable services of M. W. Bro. Dr. C. C. Hartman, whose professional advice in this and other cases has been of the greatest assistance to the Board and made them realize the importance of having at least one of their members a medical man. The Board, therefore, would respectfully suggest to Grand Lodge the desirability of altering regulation No. 11, to permit of the Grand Master appointing three instead of two members to the Board, one of whom shall be a physician.

Our thanks are also due to W. Bro. J. J. Petrie, who at the special request of the President has attended most of our meetings and his advice in legal matters, with which the Board often has to deal, was of great assistance and heartily appreciated.

In a third case a young man who had the misfortune to lose both left arm and leg has been provided with an artifical limb and sent on his way with a minimum of handicap. In this matter every effort was

made to get the best of practical advice available in the city, with satisfactory results.

From the foregoing it will be evident that the work of the Board is not confined to merely issuing cheques to the indigent, but rather our efforts are ever toward the rehabilitation of those who have met with disaster, in an endeavor to make them self-sustaining and independent.

During the year a Government Pension Fund for the Blind has been established, with a result that Grand Lodge and the lodges have been relieved in a measure of the assistance rendered such cases. The stringent regulations pertaining to the operation of the Old Age Pension make it very difficult for your Board to supplement with a grant the pension received by our beneficiaries. While we endeavor to see that no hardship occurs, it must be understood that this Board cannot take any action that would interfere with the receipt of the Old Age Pension.

We would draw the attention of the lodges to regulation No. 7, page 94 of the Constitution, in regard to defraying of funeral expenses. The sum of $100.00 mentioned is intended to cover the total amount allowed for a funeral of a beneficiary when required, and of this sum Grand Lodge is prepared to meet half, the lodge to pay the balance.

The Board has continued the practice of reviewing each grant at least once a year and require a half-yearly report from the lodges concerned. The lodge financial statements, together with these half-yearly reports have simplified the work of the Board, enabling them to arrive at a satisfactory basis for dealing with each case. These half-yearly reports also serve to remind the lodges, in many instances, of their beneficiaries who have removed to other jurisdictions and with whom this Board keeps in constant touch through the good offices of Secretaries of Boards of Relief and Grand Lodge Officers, to whom we again acknowledge our indebtedness.

Many widows, orphans and distressed brethren call at our Grand Lodge office each year, for assistance and advice, and are given every opportunity by the Grand Secretary to discuss their problems. Not infrequently they hail from other Grand Jurisdictions, in which case their statements are verified as fully as possible and the Grand Lodge concerned communicated with, often resulting in securing the much needed aid. Those of our own jurisdiction are brought to the attention of their lodges, so that the Board can render assistance if required.

The payments authorized by your Board to beneficiaries totaled $11,199.27, which was slightly less than the previous year. However, it is not in the amount of the funds distributed that we should measure the value of the work of benevolence, but rather by the service rendered our distressed brethren, their widows and dependents, in helping them to a greater sense of security and happiness. Every case presented to the Board is given the most sympathetic consideration in an endeavor to maintain that high standard of Masonic benevolence which has been the constant aim of our Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,
WM. IRELAND,
President.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), "That the report of the Board of Benevolence be received and adopted."

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

March 1st, 1938 to February 28, 1939

Beneficary	*Amount*
Mrs. A. A.	$120.00
Bro. W. D. A	100.00
Mrs. E. P. A	300.00
Mrs. W. A. A.	180.00
Mrs. D. D. B	310.00
Bro. T. B.	20.00
Mrs. C. C. B	60.00
Mrs. S. E. B	235.97
Mrs. C. B.	195.00
Mrs. G. B.	240.00
Bro. G. J. B.	243.60
Bro. J. B.	12.50
M. B.	50.00
Mrs. C. C.	180.00
Mrs. C. C	155 00
Bro H. T. C	20.00
C. Family	120.00
Mrs. A. B. C.	127.57
Bro. J. D.	135.00
Mrs. E. C. D.	150.00
Mrs. M. D.	120.00
Bro. F. H. D	534.21
Mrs. W. D.	90.00
Mrs. H. D.	15.00
Mrs. J. H. D.	125.00
Mrs. W. D.	60.00
Bro. E. D.	90.00
Mrs E. D.	120.00
M. D.	9.95
Mrs. W. E	60.00
Bro. C. N. E.	175.00
Mrs. A. F	175.00
Mrs. E. J. F.	125 00
Bro. P. F	160.00
Mrs. L. M. F	135.00
Mrs. T. W. F	200.00
Bro. J. H. F.	70.00
Mrs. W. A. G.	115.00
Bro. J. H. G.	145.00
Mrs. R G	90 00
Bro J. G.	100.00
Mrs. M. M. H	240 00
Mrs. A. H	180.00
Mrs M. J. H.	55.00
Mrs. S. H.	125.00
Bro. H. B. H	180.00
Bro. S. J. H	108.00
Mrs. S. J	96.00
Mrs. O. M. K	55.00
Mrs. F. E. L	15.00
Mrs. H. E. M	35.00
Mrs. K. R. M	75.00
Mrs. I. M.	12.00
Mrs. L. E. M.	120.00
Mrs. A. M	180.00
Bro. H. E. M	80.00
Mrs. E. McC	338.42
Mrs. E. McC	180.00
Bro. D. McI	180.00
Bro. C. S. N	180 00
Mrs H G. N	60.00
Mrs. G. N.	90.00
Mrs. A. P.	180.00
Mrs. M. J. P	180.00
Mrs. E. R.	180.00
Mrs. D. R.	60.00
Mrs. D. R. R.	120.00
Mrs. M. A C. R.	424.80
Mrs. S. C. S	192.50
Mrs. C. S	52.50
Bro. A. G. S	210.00
Mrs. A. S.	40.00
S. Family	242.75
Mrs. G. W. S	15.00
Mrs. T. G. S	60.00
Bro. C. O. S	180.00
Mrs. W. J. T	240.00
Bro. C. V.	60.00
Mrs. M. W	45.00
Mrs. E. W	65.00
Mrs. P. W.	30.00
W. Family	120.00
Mrs. A. E. W	50.00
Mrs. W. W	90.00
Mrs. G. W	220.00
Bro. A. W.	90.00
Sundry Grants	355.00
Total Grants	$11,755.77
Less Contributions from Lodges for their beneficaries.	556.50
Total Grants by Grand Lodge..	$11,199.27

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE FINANCES

Calgary, June 14th, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

In accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Master last year and of the Finance Committee, which was approved by Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. West, appointed a special committee, consisting of R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale, W. Bro. O. C. Smith and W. Bro. J. J. Petrie, to investigate the finances of Grand Lodge and to give notice of motion to implement their findings and report at this Annual Communication.

Before presenting their recommendations a brief review of the circumstances leading up to the appointment of the special committee will be in order.

As far back as the year 1930, M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, in his capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance, pointed out that, "In order to balance our budget an increase in per capita tax for general account will have to be considered at no distant date." In 1932 this was done by an amendment to the Constitution increasing that portion of the per capita tax allotted for general account from fifty cents (50c) to seventy cents (70c) per capita. The membership continuing to fall, M. W. Bro. Connacher again sounded a note of warning in his report of 1935, to the effect that if the membership continues to decline a further decrease in revenue would have to be faced. From then on this matter of declining revenue and the insufficient amount received for the General Fund became one of the major problems of succeeding Finance Committees.

Since the formation of this Grand Lodge various amounts have been transferred from the General Fund Surplus Account to the Benevolent Fund and benevolent work, which to date totals approximately $19,000.00. Had this money been retained in the General Fund and invested in bonds, the interest therefrom would have assisted in carrying a portion of the burden of the operating expense of Grand Lodge.

From 1930 to the year ending December 31st, 1938, the total loss of membership was 3,329, which at seventy cents per capita represents a very considerable loss of revenue for the General Fund per annum. In addition the lowered fees for dispensations has further reduced the revenue. To offset this loss varying amounts were transferred from the Relief Fund to the General Fund by resolution of Grand Lodge passed from year to year. Reference to the Proceedings for the period mentioned, 1930 to 1938, will disclose that this matter was continually under review, it being the general opinion that inasmuch as the expense of administering the Relief Fund was borne by the General Fund, the time had arrived when the Relief Fund, which had a surplus, should bear the cost of its own administration. A careful estimate of the work of this administration is 20 per cent of the time of the Grand Lodge office, which represents approximately $1,200.00 per year.

M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman, Grand Master last year, in his address to Grand Lodge referred to the matter as follows:

"The revenues of Grand Lodge have been greatly reduced during the last few years by reason of: Lower membership, therefore lower per capita returns. Lower interest rate, and fewer candidates."

Continuing, he said: "Three courses seem to be open:

"1. A charge not exceeding $1,000.00 per year on the Relief Fund for the General Fund, as an allowance for office expense incurred in connection with benevolence. This may temporarily provide sufficient revenue to carry on, although other plans may need to be developed.

"2. Increasing the per capita tax a few cents and ear-marking this money for the use of the Grand Master in this jurisdiction, this to be used only for work other than District Meetings, Grand Lodge communications and Grand Lodge affairs.

"3. Appointment by the Grand Master of a committee to investigate the financial set-up of Grand Lodge and report at the next Annual Communication, having given notice of motion for such changes as they deem necessary."

Your committee, therefore, beg to present their findings herewith That the foregoing statements represent the facts regarding the revenue of Grand Lodge, while general expenses remain approximately the same. Every avenue of expense has been fully canvassed with a view to cutting expenses to a minimum, but the frugality practised by Grand Lodge in past years leaves no opening for this consistent with the dignity of this Grand Body.

In order to arrive at a satisfactory solution, your committee examined the expenditures over a period of years and find that a normal yearly expenditure for the operation of Grand Lodge, exclusive of expenditures for supplies for sale to the lodges, exceeds the present revenue for this purpose by approximately $1,200.00. From time to time there are extra expenditures, as for instance a reprinting of our Constitution is now necessary, the stock being exhausted. In addition there will be a reprint of the York Work required, and both of these items will entail a large expenditure.

In considering the various items of general expense, your committee find that for several years, as stated, the shortage has been met from the Relief Fund, authorized by a resolution of Grand Lodge, and it is the committee's considered opinion that the administration of benevolence, which occupies much of the time of the Grand Lodge office, should be borne by the Relief Fund. The committee therefore have given notice of motion that a sum not exceeding $1,000.00 be charged to the Relief Fund in each and every year for the operation of Grand Lodge.

For several years the lodges have been relieved from payment of the fifty cents (50c) per capita to the Benevolent Capital Account, and the committee are of the opinion that this fifty cents charge should now be permanently discontinued and the total per capita dues of $1.70 for Grand Lodge purposes be reduced to $1.30, and allocated in the proportion of eighty cents (80c) to the General Fund and fifty cents (50c) to the Relief Fund. This will give the General Fund an increase of ten cents per capita and notice of motion has been given to cover this recommendation.

In order to make these recommendations effective, your committee consider that it is most desirable to budget the general expenses of Grand Lodge and to present the budget to Grand Lodge for approval at the Annual Communication. It is also considered that the financial year should more closely coincide with the Annual Communication and it is therefore proposed to change the end of the financial year from the last day of February to the last day of April, which is also the subject of a notice of motion.

A budget is presented herewith for twelve months ending February 28th, 1940, and for two additional months ending April 30th, 1940. Regarding the amounts shown in the budget for Grand Master's expense, this has been arrived at in consideration of the reference made to this subject in the Grand Master's address last year.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

BUDGET

1939-40

EXPENDITURES — GENERAL FUND

	12 *months ending Feb.* 28, 1940	2 *months March and April,* 1940
Salaries	$ 4,750.00	$ 750.00
Auditor	300.00	
Rent	1,140.00	190.00
Telephone and Telegrams	130.00	20.00
Postage and Express	300.00	50.00
Janitor	150.00	25.00
Office Supplies	75.00	12.00
Exchange	50.00	5.00
Printing	1,200.00	
Insurance	7.50	55.00
Printing G. L. "Bulletin"	100.00	20.00
Grand Master's Expense, General	500.00	
G. M. Expense, Visiting Lodges	300.00	
Grand Officers' Expense	200.00	
Annual Communication	300.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	175.00	12.00
Grand Master's Regalia	200.00	
Grand Officers' Regalia, replaced	150.00	
Library	25.00	
	$10,052.50	$ 1,139.00

REVENUE — GENERAL FUND

Membership Fees (approximate 10,800 at 80c)	$ 8,640.00
Initiation Fees	400.00
Certificate Fees	600.00
Dispensations	125.00
Affiliation Fees	125.00
Allowance from Relief Fund	1,000.00
	$10,890.00

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. CUMMING,
F. V. TRUESDALE,
O. C. SMITH,
J. J. PETRIE.
Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134), seconded by W. Bro. J. J. Petrie (28), "That the report of the Special Committee on Grand Lodge Finances be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Calgary, June 14, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Besides the regular quarterly meetings of this committee several special meetings were called when required, all of which were well attended by the resident members and all matters connected with the business management of Grand Lodge received careful attention.

While your committee regret to note that there is again a loss in membership, it is the smallest on record in the last ten years and from reports received there is evidence of a marked improvement in the financial standing of the lodges, accompanied by a definite increase in the number of applications received.

Your auditor has regularly examined the books and accounts and audited the same. His reports and financial statements are in your hands, together with the report of the Special Committee appointed by the Grand Master on the Finances of Grand Lodge, whose findings are endorsed by this committee.

Investments—During the year the committee deemed it advisable to effect an exchange of Dominion of Canada 4½% bonds held in the Benevolent Capital Account, which were callable by the Government in the event of a refunding scheme, for 3% Perpetual Bonds, whereby the principal was increased from $16,200.00 to $19,000.00.

The Fortin Plan being put into operation by the City of Calgary, in the exchange of bonds held by Grand Lodge for the new issue, a cheque for $3,527.78 was received. With this and other monies in the Benevol-

ent Fund Savings' Account, we were able to purchase $5,000.00 Dominion of Canada 3% Perpetuals, so that the par value of bonds in the Benevolent Capital Account has been increased to $204,000.00.

All securities of Grand Lodge have been regularly inspected at the Bank.

Revenue Account—This account shows a loss of $2,196.16, but with the allowance of $1,000.00 voted by Grand Lodge from the Relief Fund for the year ending February 28, 1939, the net loss is $1,196.16, which in part is due to a reduction in revenue and an increase in the travelling expenses, as previously reported. There were also special expenses which were authorised amounting to over $400.00, but other regular expenses show a decrease.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Last year owing to heavy expenses no new regalia was obtained. Several sets, however, should be replaced, but in accordance with the proposed budget, we recommend that two new regalias be purchased this year.

It is recommended that the contract for printing the Annual Proceedings be awarded to the Albertan Job Press, Calgary, at the same quotation as last year.

We recommend that R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland be appointed auditor for the current year and that he be paid the sum of $300.00 for his services during the past year.

We recommend that the Grand Tyler be paid the sum of $20.00 and his travelling expenses for his services at this communication of Grand Lodge.

The report of the Special Committee on the York Rite Ritual being adopted, we recommend that sufficient money to pay for the printing be borrowed from the Relief Fund, to be repaid over a period of five years from the General Fund.

For the reprinting of the Constitution, it is recommended that if necessary the Finance Committee be authorized to borrow from the Relief Fund for this purpose, to be repaid from the General Fund.

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. CUMMING,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134), seconded by W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83), "That the report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted."

The following motions, of which due notice had been given, were then presented:

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. M. Peel (54), "That Section 131 of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted therefor: 'Each Lodge shall pay for every member thereof to Grand Lodge for its purposes and under-

takings, the sum of $1.30 per annum, to be apportioned by Grand Lodge as follows:

'The sum of eighty cents to the General Fund.

'The sum of fifty cents to the Relief Fund."

It was moved in amendment by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by W. Bro. D. G. L. Cunnington (83), "That the figures of $1.30 and 80c in the motion be amended to read $1.40 and 90c respectively."

The amendment on being put was declared "Lost," and the original motion, on being voted on, was "Carried."

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. M. Peel (54), "That Sub-Section 131a be added to Section 131 of the Constitution as follows: 'That in the event of the Income in any year being insufficient to meet the expenditures on General Account, a sum up to but not exceeding $1,000.00 be paid by the Relief Fund to the General Fund Current Account.'"

The motion on being put to the meeting was "Carried."

R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming pointed out that the notice of motion to amend Section 102 of the Constitution was incorrectly worded and he moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), "That Section 102 of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted therefor: 'The accounts of Grand Lodge shall be closed on the last day of April in each year and an abstract of the audit thereof certified by the Auditor as correct shall be prepared and sent to the Grand Master, and this report presented at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.' "

The motion, as corrected, on being put to the meeting "Carried."

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134), seconded by W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83), "That Section 114 of the Constitution be amended by adding: 'This Committee shall prepare for presentation to Grand Lodge an annual Budget covering the operations of the Grand Lodge office, including the expenses of its officers. No expenditure shall be authorized by this Committee which has not been duly budgeted, except for such extraordinary contingency as may be sanctioned by the Grand Master' "

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

Calgary, June 14, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry submits for your consideration the following report.

In presenting this report your committee must of necessity depend to a very large extent on the annual reports of the D.D.G.M.'s and Secretaries of lodges. To these, however, we would add our own expres-

sions of opinion based on our observations gleaned from attendance at District Meetings and visitation of lodges.

The survey of the Craft in Alberta, presented herewith, does not pretend to be complete, for very obvious reasons. Information concerning the affairs of some lodges is entirely lacking, which in the interest of the lodges concerned we deplore, as it discloses a state of affairs decidedly unhealthy in the few lodges failing to make returns to the D.D.G.M. Nevertheless this report covers all but two or three and does not affect the result to any great extent. We suggest that incoming D.D.G.M.'s discuss this matter with their predecessors in the districts concerned, with a view to remedying this omission and in order that their own reports may be complete next year. There may be some good reason unknown to us why the Secretaries failed to make the necessary returns, but it is imperative that an accurate and prompt statement of work done be made to the D.D.G.M.

This committee would like to commend the D.D.G.M.'s, for their reports show that they were most active in the carrying out of their duties, conscientious and diligent, sometimes with attendant difficult conditions, and that they promoted the interest of Masonry to the very best of their ability. These officers are a great factor in stabilising and energising the lodges entrusted to their care. They make many sacrifices of time, money and physical comfort and we feel the Craft is well served year by year by them.

MEMBERSHIP

For the past eight or nine years Grand Lodges have been almost universal in reporting a loss in membership. We are no exception to this and although our losses compared with some other jurisdictions have been comparatively small, they are nevertheless serious enough to warrant our most careful consideration. We are glad to say that this year we can report a steady improvement. Whilst we have not made a gain, the loss has been reduced from 309 in 1937 to 158 in 1938. The Grand Secretary's figures, as at December 31st, 1937, showed membership as 11,055, and at December 31st, 1938 10,897 (See Grand Secretary's Report)

Initiations show a slight increase over last year, with a falling off of affiliations and restorations. There were fewer dimitted and suspended, while death took its usual heavy toll. There are indications that many of those suspended for N.P.D. in former years are now making application for restoration. This is a step in the right direction and every application should receive the most sympathetic consideration by the committee reporting thereon. Since the end of the year there has been a decided upturn in the number of applications for admission and your committee feel that they can report a more optimistic outlook at this time. No doubt the good crop of last year had something to do with this and with good prospects this year we can expect a further influx of younger men, so that your committee feel that we are indeed at the turning point in the matter of loss of membership.

ATTENDANCE

Nothing succeeds like success. A lodge that has a good record for attendance usually is a very live lodge, while the reverse can easily be the case. Reports on attendance are somewhat mixed; some lodges

are very good, some very poor, and we cannot help feeling that this is very largely a matter of leadership. Given good snappy meetings, absence of futile or petty discussions, starting on time and going home at a reasonable hour, all make for good attendance and usually prompts the member to attend frequently. Reverse these conditions and attending lodge becomes an ordeal, with consequent reluctance to attend. One Deputy quotes the following figures in his district:

71% attended six meetings.
35% attended one meeting
25% attended none.

It would thus appear, assuming that this is a fair estimate of the attendance in other districts, that there is much room for improvement in this direction, and incoming D.D.G.M.'s might give this some thought. Special nights, visitations, etc., are all heartily recommended as mediums for creating better attendance records.

WORK

A study of the reports show that the ritualistic work of the lodges is being well maintained. There has been an increase in the number of degrees conferred, 675 as against 606 last year—an increase of 65. The D.D.G.M.'s report that with the increased applications for initiation, splendid work is being done in the lodges. Many compliments are paid to the Masters and officers for their zeal and energy and much credit is due them for the excellence of the Work throughout the jurisdiction. Occasionally there appears to be doubt as to whether the Master is capable of conferring the three degrees and ruling and governing the lodge. The question of the competency of officers is a very important one. It becomes a matter of grave importance to the lodge and its members and to Grand Lodge, and especially is it so to candidates presenting themselves for initiation, for it is their just due to make their entry into the Craft under the very best auspices of which the lodge is capable. Every lodge is entitled to leadership and one asks how this can be obtained if the officers are incompetent. In this connection we note that the D.D.G.M.'s repeatedly report the absence of Masters and Wardens from lodge on the occasion of their visit. This committee suggests that the Board of Installed Masters tighten up their examinations where incompetency is in evidence and certify accordingly.

We note with pleasure that the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* is steadily increasing its circulation. Many lodges now supply all or part of their membership with copies. This is a step in the right direction as it makes a splendid medium for Lodge Research and Education. The many fine articles written by its Editor, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, together with outstanding articles quoted from world Masonic writers of note, make it invaluable to the Master of a lodge in particular, providing as it does the means for many a short talk of great Masonic interest. It is noted, however, that a few lodges apparently have not realized its worth. To them we suggest that they are overlooking something that could be of great value to them and would advise them strongly to inquire into the matter, for Research and Education should be a major feature of lodge work.

The reports also make it abundantly clear that many fine gatherings, celebrating festival nights of various kinds, have been held during the past year, which have aroused much interest and enthusiasm in those

attending and have proved of great benefit to the lodges themselves. We heartily commend this phase of lodge life, and suggest that Canadian Nights, Empire Nights, and special nights be made a feature in the program of every lodge. We are also glad to note that Masonic Plays have been presented on many occasions and have been well received. These brethren who expend much of their time and energies in order that their brethren, less talented, may enjoy the fruits of their labor in the witnessing of these splendid Masonic dramas, we feel are worthy of all praise and thanks. It is noted that not only have such plays been presented to the individual lodges, but have been a helpful feature at District Meetings. We sincerely hope that these brethren will continue to give of their time and talent to the Craft.

This comment on the work of the lodges would not be complete without reference to a meeting of Mountain View Lodge No. 16 at Olds, where an enthusiastic gathering presented an illuminated address to M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman, P.G.M., as a tribute to the love, affection and esteem in which he is held by his brethren, and a well-earned tribute to his work as Grand Master.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The value of District Meetings has often been questioned, and there is no doubt that they are more highly thought of in some districts than in others. On the whole the D.D.G.M.'s report fairly successful meetings. Matters of importance to the districts have come up for discussion, Masonic addresses have been given and lodge problems discussed. Most of them were well attended.

The policy inaugurated by Grand Lodge of trying to give helpful instruction to the D.D.G.M.'s has been of great benefit and a steady improvement is noticeable in the conduct of District Meetings. The problems confronting a D.D.G.M. may be very different in the city than in the country district. Grand Lodge therefore leaves the arranging of these meetings entirely to the D.D.G.M.'s who are expected to know just what the problems of the lodges in their district are and to arrange their meeting so that the widest information and knowledge bearing on their respective problems may be made available. Nevertheless the advice and help of Grand Lodge, through its principal officers, is always at their service when requested. Each incoming Deputy should make a point of contacting his predecessor and thoroughly discussing matters pertaining to the welfare of the district and when making his visits it is advantageous to have if possible one or more past D.D.G.M.'s in his party as their special knowledge may be very useful.

LODGE FINANCES

From the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s it would appear that the financial worth of the Craft is being well maintained, the amount of cash on hand plus investments representing a very substantial amount over liabilities. This is a matter of very great gratification for it is of the utmost importance that a lodge be successfully financed. Where there is no worry over money the affairs of a lodge slip along smoothly. On the other hand, where the business of every regular meeting is a constant worry over dollars and cents, interest fades and non-attendance becomes a habit. The amount involved per capita to keep a lodge running smoothly is not very great, where good management is given. In this connection we fear that some lodges bring trouble on themselves. It is with

regret that we have to record that in some cases lodges who have built temples rent them to non-Masonic bodies for absurd and ridiculously small rents. Where this is done it is quite clear that the wear and tear and maintenance comes out of the funds of the Masonic lodge instead of the tenant body, where it properly belongs. Again we note that some lodges charge no affiliation fee, or one that is smaller than the Constitutional requirements. Possibly these lodges feel that they can pay the Grand Lodge fees involved out of the general fund, but we would point out that it is not good business to dig into lodge funds to pay the fees of joining members. We also note with surprise that three lodges carry no insurance, and also in numerous instances the bonding of the lodge Treasurer and Secretary appears to be a matter of indifference.

Attention has also been drawn to some lodges who budget for a loss, hoping that their deficit will be covered from some quarter or other. This is to be deprecated in the strongest terms for disaster can only follow such methods, and where this prevails Freemasonry cannot flourish in a normal way, whilst fraternal and charitable consideration is from the start impossible. We suggest that lodges concerned should remedy this condition at the earliest possible moment.

On the whole, the lodges throughout the jurisdiction are in a sound financial condition and it is with gratification that this committee records this fact, as shown by the following figures:

ASSETS

Cash on hand and in bank	$ 56,646.00
Dues outstanding	34,539.00
Bonds and Investments	200,313.00
Real Estate and Building	196,898.00
Furniture and Fixtures	73,985.00
Benevolent Fund	45,416.00
Sundry	8,676.00
	$ 616,473.00

LIABILITIES

Dues in advance	$ 3316.00
Initiation fees in advance	819.00
Notes payable	11,589.00
Accounts payable	12,321.00
Mortgage payable	26,661.00
Bonds outstanding	15,625 00
Life Membership	2,626.00
Sundry	2,523.00
	$ 75,480.00
Net Worth of lodges (approx)	540,993.00

CHARITY

The matter of Masonic charity is always difficult to record in the cold terms of dollars and cents, but the figures available from most of the lodges show that an amount of $10,947.97 was disbursed, exclusive of the amount given by Grand Lodge. Nor is this all, for some lodges make a point of not recording their relief efforts, preferring to keep this knowledge within the confines of the lodge. The manifestation of those

truly Masonic virtues of brotherly love, relief and truth, is hereby gratefully acknowledged and the brethren are to be congratulated on the generosity with which they have dealt with their less fortunate brethren. The lodges are remined that the Board of Benevolence of Grand Lodge is at all times ready and willing to give sympathetic fraternal consideration to every case submitted to them.

SUSPENSIONS AND ARREARS OF DUES

Under this heading the following statistics are of interest:

	1936	1937	1938
Suspensions	645	325	232
Arrears of Dues	$32,494.00	$30,759.00	$32,539.00
Percentage of Membership in Arrears	28%	27%	28%
Per capita average	2.86	2.78	3 16

The above figures speak for themselves. It is noted that there is a slight increase of dues outstanding over last year. In this connection we feel that an intelligent application of the provisions of the Constitution, combined with a sympathetic consideration of the worthy distressed brother, will do much to remove this condition. Great improvement has been noted during the past few years and this committee feels that the brethren generally will, as far as their dues are concerned, see to it that the lodge does not suffer by reason of their delinquency. If able to pay, they should regard it as a debt of honor to be discharged at the earliest possible moment.

GENERAL

Your committee note that one or two of the D.D.G.M.'s recommend that perhaps one or more lodges in their district be placed in some other This would appear to be the result of geographical difficulty for the most part. In this connection it should be remembered that it is not practical, in the great majority of cases, to take a lodge out of one district and place it in another, without causing considerable trouble to the districts concerned. It should be further remembered that a few years ago a special committee was appointed to bring in a report looking toward a re-arrangement of the districts and a redistribution of the lodges, and after two years of hard work they were unable to arrive at any satisfactory settlement. It was unanimously agreed at that time that no action be taken and that the committee be discharged. At the moment, therefore, it would appear that nothing can be done in this regard.

It is with regret that your committee learn that in a few cases neither the Black Book or Historical Register have been written up for years. These are important lodge records and should be given attention at once and brought up to date, which we trust will be done.

CONCLUSION

A survey of world conditions leaves us with the profound conviction that we are doubly fortunate to be Canadians, fortunate in that we enjoy freedom of thought and action within due bounds, and fortunate in that we can meet as Masons and practise the ancient usages and customs of the Order, safe in the knowledge that by so doing we are carrying

out the true principles of good citizenship, loyalty to the community, to Canada and to the Empire, without fear of suppression or oppression that beset our brethren in less fortunate circumstances in some other countries, and for this we are truly grateful.

It is extremely unlikely that the Craft will ever again experience the great influx of members which took place following the great war, neither is it desirable, for time has shown beyond all question that much of the material then accepted was more of a liability than an asset. However, your committee feels that we can face the future with courage and a quiet, moderate optimisim, ever looking forward to a steady growth that will redound to the prosperity of the Order.

We note with pleasure the earnest and zealous manner in which the D.D.G.M.'s have carried out the duties of their office, and in recognition of such services unanimously recommend that the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred upon the following brethren:

District No. 1 . . . . . R. W. Bro. R. G. Thompson (23)
District No. 2 . . . . . R. W. Bro. R. C. Hargrave (70)
District No. 3 . . . . . R. W. Bro. Jas. Malloch (129)
District No. 4 . . . . . R. W. Bro. A. S. Gough (20)
District No 5 . . . . . R. W. Bro. J. H. Cochrane (141)
District No. 6 . . . . . R. W. Bro. W. H. Read (17)
District No. 7 . . . . . R. W. Bro. Wm. T. Lingard (39)
District No. 8 . . . . . R. W. Bro. H. O. Westrup (26)
District No. 9 . . . . . R. W. Bro. W. C. Tallman (45)
District No. 10 . . . . . R. W. Bro. W. H. Scott (24)
District No. 11 . . . . . R. W. Bro. Wm. Dayman (49)
District No. 12 . . . . . R. W. Bro. Donald Wilby (138)
District No. 13 . . . . . R. W. Bro. Wm. T. Turner (160)
District No. 14 . . . . . R. W. Bro A. G. R. Bond (78)
District No. 15 . . . . . R. W. Bro. John Raper (76)
District No. 16 . . . . . R. W. Bro. J. J. Martin (149)
District No. 17 . . . . . R. W. Bro. John Fletcher (144)

Certain statistics have been compiled by the M. W. the Grand Master, from individual reports on lodges received by him from the D.D.G.M.'s, and it is recommended that these be printed in the Proceedings as an appendix to this report.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23), seconded by M. W. Bro. John Martland (63), "That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

STATISTICS AS REPORTED BY DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS COVERING VISITS TO THE 155 LODGES IN JURISDICTION

Time taken after lodge is opened before D.D.G.M. admitted

Lodges		*Time*
16	Lodges	5 minutes
43	"	10 minutes
58	"	15 minutes
5	"	20 minutes
1	"	25 minutes
9	"	30 minutes
3	"	35 minutes
2	"	40 minutes
3	"	45 minutes
1	"	50 minutes
1	"	60 minutes
1	"	65 minutes
10	"	not stated
1	"	no report

Meetings held for D.D.G.M.

19 Emergent Meetings
135 Regular Meetings
1 No Report

Principal Officers absent at time of D.D.G.M.'s visit

7 W. Master
18 Senior Warden
15 Junior Warden

Work conferred or exemplified at time of D.D.G.M.'s visit

91 Lodges — no work
27 Lodges — 1st degree
19 Lodges — 2nd degree
18 Lodges — 3rd degree

Past Masters present at time of D.D.G.M.'s visit

154 Lodges report 1,142 Past Masters present, or approximately 7.5 per lodge.

Bonding Secretary and Treasurer

140 Lodges — neither Secretary or Treasurer bonded
3 Lodges — Treasurer not bonded
2 Lodges — Secretary not bonded
10 Lodges — Secretary and Treasurer bonded

Annual Dues

Lodges	*Amount*	*Lodges*	*Amount*
3	$ 5 00	43	$ 8.00
16	6.00	2	8.50
12	7.00	10	9.00
4	7.50	1	9.50
50	10.00	1	13.50
1	11.00	4	15.00
4	12.00	3	not rept.
1	12 50		

Initiation Fees

Lodges	*Amount*	*Lodges*	*Amount*
11	$25 00	1	$55.00
4	30 00	9	60.00
1	35.00	11	65.00
25	40 00	21	75.00
3	45.00	9	100.00
64	50.00		

Affiliation Fees

Lodges	*Amount*	*Lodges*	*Amount*
42	Nil	2	$7.50
10	$ 1 00	12	8.00
4	2 00	1	9.00
1	2 50	22	10.00
1	3 00	1	13.50
1	3 50	1	15 00
37	5 00	1	16.00
4	6.00	1	20.00
4	7 00	1	25 00

8 Lodges — G. L. fees

Insurance

3 Lodges carry no insurance.

Work

Canadian	90	York	65

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Calgary, June 14 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee has given due consideration to the Report of the Grand Secretary, and herewith presents its report.

The Grand Secretary, as usual, has carried out his duties efficiently. His report is comprehensive and rendered with his customary skill and ability.

We agree with the expression of optimism in regard to membership figures and note with interest the increase in initiations. At the same time we commend the warning given regarding the exercise of care in the consideration of applications.

It is to be regretted that returns from lodges, in a few cases, continue to be late and in other cases even inaccurate. We realize the inconvenience caused in the Grand Lodge office and trust that lodge secretaries will give especial consideration to this part of the report.

We note with interest the explanations given in respect to the granting of dispensations As the issuing of dispensations is entirely in the hands of the Grand Master, no further comment is necessary.

The suggestions of the Grand Secretary regarding the circulation of the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* we recommend to all lodges for consideration.

Your committee considers that the recent visit of the delegates from the Grand Lodges of the British Isles, should prove of lasting benefit and commends the Grand Secretary for his considered comments on this event.

We heartly endorse and support the expressions of loyalty to Their Majesties the King and Queen on the occasion of their historic visit to Canada. We pray that Their Majesties may long be spared to rule over us and unite us in the bonds of fellowship and peace.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. BOTTERILL,
W. H. CHAPPELL,
W. DAYMAN,
F. V. TRUESDALE,
Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Calgary, June 14, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee are pleased to note that our Grand Master had such a happy year in office and that on the whole harmony and brotherly love prevailed throughout the jurisdiction.

We regret that he found it impossible to be present at all the District Meetings, partly on account of the financial condition of Grand Lodge. We believe that the Grand Master should attend each district meeting as this is the only opportunity afforded many of the brethren of meeting with him, as all cannot be present at Grand Lodge. We are pleased to see that he visited District No. 13 at a later date, as we believe that these far north lodges should not be neglected.

We are glad to note that he, in company with M. W. Bro. Martland, were able to attend the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the establishment of Freemasonry in Canada, which was held at Halifax on July 9th, 10th and 11th, 1938, especially so as all Grand Lodges in Canada were represented, as well as those of the Mother Country and many from the United States.

We are particularly pleased that the representatives of the Grand Lodges of the British Isles found it convenient to visit our Grand Jurisdiction and that so many of our Grand Lodge officers were privileged

to accompany them on part of their journey and entertain them in a fitting manner.

We desire to associate ourselves with the Grand Master in his reference to the visit of Their Majesties to our Dominion and the enthusiastic manner in which they were received and entertained in all parts of Canada, as well as in the United States.

We concur with the Grand Master in all his rulings, but we believe that if the brethren would become better acquainted with our Constitution many of these rulings would be unnecessary..

We are pleased that the Grand Master was able to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in Winnipeg on June 7th and that we have the pleasure of welcoming a representative of that Grand Body to this Grand Lodge.

We heartily agree with the Grand Master in his statements in the concluding paragraphs of his address.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

GEO. E. CRUICKSHANK,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), seconded by M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman (16), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Calgary, June 14, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee reports that it took no direct steps in the promulgation of Masonic Education during the year. The committee reports thus since, apart from the monthly publication of the Grand *Lodge Bulletin* referred to later in the report, it wished to make an experiment in finding just how many lodges or individual brethren were curious enough about Masonic lore to take the trouble to seek the information and research facilities available to them through the committee.

The results are not encouraging. Exactly four requests for prepared papers, one request for a play, and one request for information requiring limited research, were received.

Your committee is quite aware that their methods for the current year are directly opposite to the usual means of disseminating information but as suggested, wished to get some definite idea of local demand. It may be suggested, of course that there was lack of advertisement of the committee's resources, but in the light of past activity and the mass of information already in the hands of lodge secretaries this objection seems to carry but slight weight.

Your committee has chosen to report in this fashion not because it is not interested in Masonic Research and Education, but, as something of a challenge to the lodges meeting here as Grand Lodge, to provide definite instruction as to what is wanted and what is not.

THE GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

As before, the Grand Lodge Bulletin has been pretty much a one man job. Occasional items have been received, notably the articles on the Landmarks from the pen of R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, but on the whole the Editor has found his own material. The assistance of the Grand Secretary in publication details is most gratefully acknowleded.

The circulation of the *Bulletin* has been gradually increasing which suggests definite interest in the contents and, as always, costs have been maintained at the minimum.

For statistical comparison the following figures are provided:

Circulation as at May 31st, 1938	1,050
Circulation as at May 31st, 1939	1,800
Increase	750
Total cost for 10 issues, Sept. 1937 to June 1938	$326.13
Total cost for 10 issues, Sept. 1938 to June 1939	$363.00
Cost per month for year ended May 31st, 1938 (including subscriptions)	$32.61
Cost to Grand Lodge	$22.83
Cost per month for year ended May 31st, 1939 (including subscriptions)	$36.30
Cost to Grand Lodge	$16.91
Revenue from subscriptions, Sept. 1937 to June 1938	$98.30
Revenue from subscriptions, Sept. 1938 to June 1939	$193.94

It should be noted that the change from mimeograph to printed form was made during the period September 1938 to June 1939.

Your committee is of the opinion that in the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* lies the best means of placing Masonic information both of local and general interest in the hands of those who seek it.

Your committee, therefore, suggests this is an opportune time to review the size and scope of the *Bulletin*, convinced that the present method of distribution is good, but fully alive to the rising cost and consequent necessary increase in subscription rates, should increased size be deemed advisable.

The Editor of the *Bulletin*, through the committee, wishes to extend his thanks to the brethren who have written or communicated with him in critical vein. Only thus can he gauge his success in informing and interesting his readers.

General

The strain of even attempting to keep up with the flood of topical information of immediate importance from day to day, your committee believes, relegates the quest for Masonic information to a secondary place in the lives of most of the brethren, but if Freemasonry is to be of any effect outside of its lodges, knowledge of what it has been, what it is and whither it marches, seems essential for successful promulgation of its tenets.

Accordingly, if paradoxically your present committee appears to have acted in contradiction to this statement of belief, its action was measured with the express purpose of precepitating the present consideration this phase of activity undoubtedly deserves.

The report of the Grand Librarian referred to this committee is commended for adoption with this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. M. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M W. Bro. A. M Mitchell (77), seconded by M. W. Bro. John Martland (63), "That the report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education and the Bulletin be received and adopted."

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. J. Hand (1), "That a very hearty vote of thanks be extended to M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell for the excellent work which he has done as Editor of the Masonic Bulletin during the past year."

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FIFTY-YEAR JEWEL

Calgary, June 14, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Following the interim report made to Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication last year relative to the presentation of a jewel to mark the long attachment of brethren to the Craft, and the approval by Grand Lodge that all Master Masons be eligible to receive this jewel who have had fifty years continuous active membership in any Grand Lodge, the jurisdiction of which is recognized by this Grand Body, provided he has been a member for a period of not less than fifteen years in this jurisdiction and that he has received the recommendation of the lodge to which he belongs, your committee begs to report as follows regarding the design of the proposed jewel:

In endeavoring to obtain material for the design, it was felt that consideration might be given to the question of how this Province received its name and on going into this matter it was found that the name of the Province recalls the happy auspices under which it came into being. The Marquis of Lorne was Governor General at the time, and the name was given by him as a graceful tribute to his wife, H. R. H. Princess Louise Caroline Alberta, fourth daughter of Queen Victoria, in the following lines:

"In token of the love which thou hast shown,
For this wide land of freedom, I have named,
A Province vast, and for its beauty famed,
By thy dear name."

With this in mind, your committee looked to the Arms of the Duke of Argyle and Marquis of Lorne, also the label granted to H. R. H.

Princess Louise Caroline Alberta (Duchess of Argyle), for part of the design and we now submit the following design:—A quartered shield with the Dexter Chief, and the Sinister base, made up of that portion of the Arms of the Duke of Argyle which consists of a couped Saltire of yellow or gold and sable or black. On the Sinister Chief, and the Dexter base, are shown the Arms of the Province of Alberta. Over the Chief or top of shield a label is shown, consisting of three points, the centre point charged with a rose and each of the other two with a canton in red for H. R. H. Princess Louise Caroline Alberta. In the centre of the shield, upon the fess point is an inescutcheon of the Arms of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. On each side of the shield is a wreath or garland consisting of ears of corn, lily and pomegranite. On top of the shield is shown the All-seeing Eye watching over the passage of time through two hour glasses, the sun, the moon and stars.

Circulating the whole is the name of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. On the lower bar, attached to the ribbon, the passage of time is again shown by the hour glass and the words "Fifty years". On the upper bar is shown in the centre the square and compasses with the letter "G", with provision for the inscription of the name, and number of the lodge.

It is suggested that the back be plain so that the name of the recipient, together with the date and any other particulars can be engraved thereon.

We would recommend that the Jewel be finished in colours, using a hard enamel

We would further recommend that the Die be procured by Grand Lodge and that it assume the cost of same.

The following tentative figures have been obtained by the Grand Secretary:

10 Kt. gold jewel, complete with ribbon and two bars	$74.25
Sterling silver jewel, as above	$15.40
Sterling silver gilt	$19.15
Bronze jewel	$13.15

We suggest that Sterling Silver, with coloured enamels, be adopted as the material for the jewel and that a suitable case be provided with each jewel, the expense being borne by the lodge making the recommendation.

We attach hereto original design, also white print and print showing colour scheme.

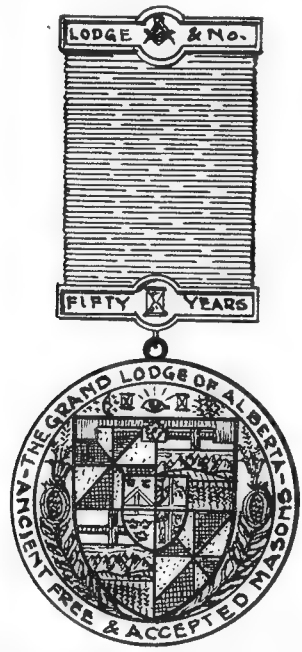
Fraternally submitted,
J. MARTLAND,
V. H. MACAULAY,
Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), seconded by M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), "That the report of the Special Committee on Fifty-Year Jewel be received and adopted."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 10.00 o'clock p.m.

The brethren assembled in the Banquet Room where a buffet supper was served and spent a pleasant hour of fraternal fellowship.



PRESENTATION FIFTY-YEAR JEWEL

All Master Masons shall be eligible to receive this Jewel who have had fifty years continuous active membership in any Grand Lodge, the jurisdiction of which is recognized by this Grand Body, provided he has been a member for a period of not less than fifteen years in this jurisdiction and that he has received a recommendation of the lodge to which he belongs.

The design of the Jewel shall be as follows: Ribbon used to be sky blue with the top supporting band as cut, with the name and number of the lodge engraved thereon, divided by the square and compasses with the letter "G" in the centre. On the lower bar the words "Fifty Years" are engraved, divided by the hour glass. Suspended from this bar is the Jewel which consists of a quartered shield with the Dexter Chief and the Sinister base. On the Sinister Chief and the Dexter base are shown the Arms of the Province of Alberta, and over the Chief a label is shown consisting of three points, the centre point charged with a rose and each of the other two with a canton in red. In the centre of the shield on the fess point is an inescutcheon of the Arms of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and on each side of the shield a wreath or garland consisting of ears of corn, lily and pomegranate. On top of the shield is shown the All-seeing Eye between two hour glasses, the Sun, the Moon and Stars. Surrounding the whole is a circle on which is engraved Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. The back of the Jewel is plain so that the name of the recipient, together with the date and any other particulars, can be engraved thereon. The Jewel and bars will be of sterling silver and finished in colors of hard enamel.

Grand Lodge will provide the Die, the lodge making the recommendation to defray the cost of Jewel only.

Second Day = = = *Morning Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9.25 o'clock a.m.

R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, asked Grand Lodge for direction as to giving lodges representation whose proxies had not been filed with the Grand Secretary in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. In some cases it was stated that the notice for the Annual Communication with the proxy form enclosed had not been received promptly by the lodge and in others the proxy had been regularly appointed but the proxy form had not been filed with the Grand Secretary. One lodge had requested a Past Master who had moved to Calgary to represent them but had not furnished him with a proxy.

The Grand Master ruled that the lodges which had no proxy to present could not be represented.

It was then resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86), seconded by W. Bro. T. S. Jeffery (59), "That the delegates of the five lodges whose proxies had been issued be allowed their votes."

GREETINGS FROM ONTARIO

M. W. Bro. W. J. Dunlop, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, who received a hearty reception when called upon by the Grand Master, then addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

"In Winnipeg the other day an incident occured which to me was a pleasure. I went into the dining room of the hotel and there had the privilege of introducing the Grand Masters of Saskatchewan and Alberta to the officers of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Perhaps I knew these Grand Masters better than anyone present, hence the reason for my act. I have known your Grand Master for about twenty-five years. I met him last year at Halifax and I felt that he was such an old friend of mine that it was like going back home to run into 'Archie West'.

"In the Grand Lodge of Canada we have approximately 98,000 members. In our lodges we all know one another and of course are very friendly in our meetings, but if there is one problem which confronts any lodge it is that of tracking down the brethren who move from one town to another and keeping in touch with them. The term of Grand

Master is two years and if it were not so he could scarcely handle the work at all.

"I have had no many slams about my age that I feel I must correct any wrong impressions that may have got out. The other day an old boy in North Bay stated I was eighty-eight years of age; but truth to tell I will only be 58 a week from next Saturday.

"Now, in my term as Grand Master I have been trying to impress upon the brethren and the lodges that fellowship is the finest blessing in the world. I have had a great deal of pleasure and inspiration in going around our districts and lodges and having the members shake hands with all the brethren present. Some say the lodges and districts get inspiration from the Grand Master, but my experience has been that the Grand Master gets the inspiration.

"We all talk about the problems of attendance at lodges. Masonry as an institution is intended to give us the opportunity of building our own characters, to make our personal contribution for the good of all and to strive to so live a life that we may not only obtain happiness, but as laid down in the Grand Design, impart happiness to others. I feel that we can largely overcome the problems of attendance at lodge if in the first place we attend ourselves, and in the second place we see to it that we do the work that we are called upon to do. We must do our part in making just as much impression as we can in the conferring of degrees. Another means of increasing attendance, if I am any judge, is that we give to the ordinary member that attention to which he is entitled, and I know that he is entitled to a great deal. If everyone says, I am going to try in my lodge to be just as friendly as I can, without being offensive, and help to make this lodge a place that a man will not want to stay away from, we will have better attendance.

"There is so much to be learned that it seems to me we miss the opportunity of reading and learning something about the Craft. You have a library and if you were to use it more you should know something of what the Craft is. If you study that long history you will be better able to know and explain the Ancient Landmarks and Charges If we can get the brethren reading and get them to see what pleasure is their's in learning something about the underlying principles as expressed in Widsom, Strength and Beauty, we will go a long way in assisting them in the building of character. Now, if we can remember that and try whatever we have to do by the principles of Widsom, Strength and Beauty, we will become better members in the Craft to which we belong and which we love and honor."—(Applause)

The Grand Master warmly thanked M. W. Bro. Dunlop for his talk and for his kindness in arranging his stay in Calgary so that it coincided with our Annual Communication.

HONORARY RANK CONFERRED

It was then unanimously resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. John Martland (63), seconded by M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby (83), "That the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta be conferred on M. W. Bro. W. J. Dunlop, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and the rank of Honorary Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta be conferred on

R. W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba."

SPECIAL REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF CANADIAN RITE WORK

Calgary, June 14, 1939.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

As Custodian of the Canadian Rite I wish to place before Grand Lodge some conclusions I have arrived at with regard to our system of Custodian control of what is known as "The Work".

M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher having resigned from the office of Custodian of the York Rite, the time is opportune for consideration of the present system and perhaps my experience of the last ten years, in an effort to preserve uniformity in our Canadian Working, may be of value in considering whether a more effective and practical system is needed.

In the early years of our attempt to control and establish uniformity in both rites, the appointment of a Custodian for each was the natural and the proper thing to do. Fortunately these Custodians had already made intensive study of the ritual working they were to control. M. W. Bro. Connacher had probably more to do with the working known to us as the Ancient York Rite than anyone else in the jurisdiction, having as Chairman of the Committee which compiled it, given several years of close application to the study of it. Our late M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor had many years of experience in Ontario as a Past Master and Grand Lodge officer in the working we adopted as the Canadian Rite. He also was a well read Masonic student and keenly interested in ritual, so we had competent instructors in both workings. It was well we had, for our membership drawn from very many other Grand Jurisdictions, brought with them almost as many workings, all of them in essentials the same, but varying in some details, and a single Custodian for each rite was the only solution.

When I was appointed I lacked the long experience of my predecessor, and, mark this, I had my own considered opinions, which were perhaps not always in agreement with directions that had been given, but as far as possible I supported them. This goes to show that more than one Custodian for a rite in a jurisdiction of such a large area would have caused confusion.

But now our lodges have been working for some length of time. They are fairly uniform in all essentials and have a large number of Past Masters available, most of whom have been made in the lodges to which they belong, and who naturally tend to preserve uniformity. Therefore I feel the time has arrived when the present system of Custodians should be abolished and a permanent committee appointed, covering both rites, instead, to deal with all questions that may come up and make a report to Grand Lodge annually.

This committee's first duty should be to draft rules and regulations for its own guidance, and secondly, definite rules for the lodges, which will impress upon them the necessity for adhering strictly to the

Work authorized by Grand Lodge and insisting that all questions must come to the committee by way of the Grand Lodge office, after motion duly passed at a regular meeting and under the seal of the lodge.

I find the questions asked at District Meetings are generally the same as those answered before and they could be satisfactorilly answered by most Past Masters or by reference to the Work. But there are matters which never come to the attention of the Custodian unless by chance he hears of or sees them in a lodge. As an instance, some of our Canadian Rite lodges adopt bits of the ritual from the York Rite and incorporate them in their own working. This is entirely wrong, but it seems almost impossible under the present system to overcome it.

I have mentioned the "appointment" of such a committee deliberately. I believe that appointment by the Grand Master would get better results than election by Grand Lodge. Very special qualifications are required and the Grand Master is in the best position to make that selection. He should also fill any vacanies that may occur. They should be four in number, which with the Grand Master, ex-officio, would make five.

If this recommendation is approved by Grand Lodge, the Grand Master should be authorized to appoint such a committee within six months time, to be instructed to prepare regulations and recommendations as already mentioned, for presentation to Grand Lodge next June, which would necessarily entail notice of motion to delete Sections 119, 120 and 121, on page 44 of the Constitution, substituting for them new sections governing the proposed change, so that the committee can commence to function after the next Annual Communication.

Fraternally submitted.

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
Custodian Canadian Rite.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell (11), seconded by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), "That the report of the Custodian of the Canadian Rite be received and adopted."

SCRUTINEERS

The M. W the Grand Master appointed the following a Board of Scrutineers: M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell, R. W. Bro. W. J. Kirby, R. W. Bro. W. M. Peel, R. W. Bro. F. J. Hand, R. W. Bro. J. F. Casteel, W. Bro. C. F. Forckel, W. Bro. R. Bibby, W. Bro. Geo Thorne, W. Bro. D. B. Robertson, and W. Bro. J. Ferguson.

FAREWELL MESSAGE OF THEIR MAJESTIES TO THE DOMINION OF CANADA

Through the kindness of R. W. Bro. Geo F. Ellis, who had installed a radio in the lodge room, the brethren were enabled to listen to the broadcast of Their Majesties' farewell message to the Dominion before leaving the shores of Canada.

At the conclusion of the broadcast the National Anthem was enthusiastically sung by the brethren, when it was unanimously resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone (4), seconded by M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), "That this Grand Lodge respectfully desire to express their loyalty and devotion to Their Majesties the King and Queen, and their great pleasure in being able to listen to Their farewell message to the people of Canada, while in Grand Lodge assembled, and wish for them a safe and happy return home."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 360 members and 20 Master Masons present at this communication, carrying a total voting strength of 505, consisting of 62 W. M.'s with 143 votes; 30 S.W.'s with 42 votes; 19 J. W.'s with 22 votes; 224 Past Masters with 224 votes and 25 Proxies with 74 votes.

117 Chartered lodges are represented.

38 Chartered lodges are without representation.

Details of representation are as follows:

		W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1.	Bow River	..	..	..	9	3	12
2.	Medicine Hat	2	1	..	1	..	4
3.	Alberta	..	..	..	1	3	4
4.	North Star	3	..	..	2	..	5
5.	Cascade	..	..	3	1	.	4
6.	Spitzie	..	..	..	1	3	4
7.	Edmonton	1	1	1	6	.	9
8.	Innisfail	..	..	..	1	..	1
9.	Perfection	1	1	1	9	.	12
10.	Eureka	2	1	..	2	.	5
11.	Acacia	3	..	.	4	.	7
12.	Red Deer	3	..	..	1	.	4
13.	Victoria	..	..	.	..	.	..
14.	Jasper	3	..	..	..	.	3
15.	Wetaskiwin	3	.	..	4	..	7
16.	Mountain View	2	1	.	1	..	4
17.	Nanton	.	..	.	2	..	2
18.	Britannia	..	1	..	2	.	3
19.	Cornerstone	1	1	1	1	..	4
20.	Carstairs	.	1	2	3	..	6
21.	King Hiram	..	..	..	2	..	2
22.	Corinthian	1	1	1	4	..	7
23.	Calgary	1	1	1	16	..	19
24.	Vermilion	..	..	..	..	..	..
25.	St. John's	1	1	1	2	..	5

		W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
26.	Sentinel	3	..	..	1	..	4
27.	Apollo	1	1	..	3	..	5
28.	Ashlar	.	..	1	4	2	7
29.	Kenilworth	3	..	..	3	..	6
30.	Summit	1	1	..	3	..	5
31.	Doric	2	..	.	..	..	2
33.	Cairo	3	..	..	1	..	4
33.	Stavely	..	1	..	1	..	2
34.	Star of the West	..	3	..	..	.	3
35.	Mizpah	3	..	..	1	..	4
36.	Gleichen	2	..	..	2	..	4
37.	Camrose	3	..	..	..	..	3
38.	Hope	..	.	..	..	..	.
39.	Lethbridge	.	3	..	1	..	4
40.	Joppa	.	..	..	.	..	.
41.	King Solomon	.		..	2	3	5
42.	Bowden	..		..	1	3	4
43.	Tuscan	.	..	..	1	..	1
44.	Buffalo Park	.	..	..	1	..	1
45.	Ionic	..	.	..	2	..	2
46.	Palestine	..		..	1	3	4
47.	Chinook	..	..	..	..	..	..
48.	Crossfield	3	..	..	3	..	6
49.	Robert Burns	..	..	..	1	3	4
50.	Comet	3	..	.	..	.	3
51.	Unity	3	.	..	3	.	6
53.	Strathmore	..	.	..	1	..	1
54.	Mount Lebanon	1	1	1	4		7
55.	Bassano	..	..	..	..	..	..
56.	Beaver	..	..	.	.	..	.
57.	Grassy Lake	..	..	..	2	..	2
58.	Chief Mountain	..	..	..	1	3	4
59.	King George	2	1	..	3	..	6
60.	Acme	..	..	..	..	..	..
61.	Provost	2	1	..	2	..	5
62.	Coal	..	2	1	.	..	3
63.	Empire	3	..	.	5	..	8
64.	Bow Island	3	..	..	..	..	3
65.	Diamond City	..	..	.	1	3	4
66.	St. Andrew's	1	1	..	1	..	3
67.	Charity	3	..	..	..	..	3
68.	Edson	3	..	.	1	..	4
69.	Connaught	..	.	.	..	..	.
70.	Quarry	3	..	..	1	..	4
71.	Tawatinaw	3	..	..	..	..	3
72.	Coronation	.	..		..	..	..
73.	Brooks	..	..		1	3	4
74.	Vulcan	.	.	.	1	3	4
75.	Harmony	..	..	.	..	..	..
76.	Fidelity	.	..	..	1	..	1
77.	Strathcona	..	3	..	2	..	5
78.	Hanna	3	..	..	2	..	5
79.	Morning Star	..	..	..	..	3	3
80.	Excelsior	3	..	.	..	..	3
81.	Commercial		..	.	.	.	3

		W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
82.	Acadia	3	..	..	1	..	4
83.	Zetland	1	.	1	14	..	16
84.	Champion	3		..	..	..	3
86.	Rocky Mountain		.	..	2	3	5
87.	Crescent	3	.	..	4	..	7
88.	Wahpun	3	.	..	3	.	6
89.	Peace River	.		..	..	..	..
90.	Norwood	1	.	..	..	..	1
91.	Patricia	3	.	..	1	.	4
92.	Saskatchewan	..	..	..	1	3	4
93.	Symbol	1	1	1	..	..	3
94.	Lamont	.	..	..	1	..	1
95.	Kitchener	..	.	..	1	3	4
96.	Dynamic		2	1	2	.	5
97.	Albion	.	.	..	.	..	..
98.	Hand Hill	2	..	1	1	..	4
100.	Verdigris	.	.	..	1	3	4
101.	West Edmonton	3	..	.		.	3
102.	Edgerton	.	..	.	.	..	.
103.	Foremost	..	..	..	1	.	1
104.	Oyen	3	..	..	..	..	3
105.	Grande Prairie	..	3	..	2	.	5
106.	Lake Saskatoon		..	.	1	3	4
107.	Carbon	.	..	.	2	3	5
108.	Pyramid	..	.	..	..	.	..
109.	Ancient Landmark	.		..	1	3	4
110.	Kilwinning	.		..	..	..	.
111.	Nobleford		..	.	..	.	..
112.	Victory	..	.	..	..	..	
113.	Cyprus	..	..	..	..	..	..
114.	Westlock	.	..	.	..	..	..
115.	Crocus	3	..	.	2	..	5
116.	Spirit River	..	..	.	..	..	
117.	Dominion	3	..	..	1	..	4
118.	St Mark's	2	..	1	3	.	6
119.	York	2	..	1	.	..	3
120.	Monitor	..	..	..	..	..	.
122.	Rising Sun	..	.	..	2	3	5
123.	Rockyford	.	.	..	..	..	..
124.	Concord	1	..	..	8	..	9
125.	Cavell	.	.	..	1	3	4
126.	Pembina	..	.	..	..	..	.
127.	Granite	..	3	..	2	..	5
128.	Forestburg	..	..	..	..	..	.
129.	Meridian	.	..	..	1	..	1
130.	Hussar	..	.	..	..	..	..
131.	Kitscoty	.	.	..	.	..	.
132.	Craigmyle	.	..	..	1	..	1
133.	Manyberries	3	.	.	4	..	3
134.	Renfrew	1	1	1	.	..	7
135.	Alliance	..	..	..	1	3	4
136.	Cresset	..	..	.	..	..	..
137.	Irricana	2	1	..	..	..	3
138.	Onoway	..	..	.	1	..	1
139.	Melrose	..	..	..	..	..	.

		W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
140.	Big Valley	..	..	..	2	3	5
141.	Efficiency	..	..	..	1	..	1
142.	Ivanhoe	2	..	1	3	..	6
143.	Jasper Park	.	..	..	2	3	5
144.	Cratton	..	..	..	3	..	3
145.	St. Alban's	.	.	..	..	.	..
146.	Drumheller	2	1	..	..	.	3
147.	Northland	.	..	..	..	..	..
148.	Mayerthorpe	.	.	..	..	..	..
149.	Rosebud	.	..	..	1	.	1
151.	Lochearn	.	..	..	3	..	3
152.	Standard	3	..	..	2	..	5
153.	Whitecourt	..	..	..	..	..	..
154.	Waskatenau	.	..	..	..	.	..
155.	Earl Haig	.	..	..	..	..	..
156.	Hythe	..	..	..	..	..	.
157.	Sharon	.	1	..	..	..	1
158.	Berry Creek	..	.	..	..	..	.
159.	Lucerne	.	..	..	..	..	..
160.	Sexsmith	3	..	..	2	..	5
		143	42	22	224	74	505

Fraternally Submitted,
F. BARNHOUSE,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7), seconded by R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63), "That the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

R. W. Bro. Barnhouse spoke regarding the difficulties in the matter of Proxies and suggested that the Grand Master instruct his D.D.G.M.'s to advise lodges in this regard to avoid difficulties in the future. The Grand Master thanked the committee for this suggestion and felt sure that the incoming Grand Master would act on the same.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of Grand Officers, members of the Board of General Purposes and Board of Benevolence was then proceeded with, and the results, including the various District Deputy Grand Masters who had been elected at their District Meetings and whose elections were confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master, were as follows:

GRAND OFFICERS, 1939

M. W. Bro. George Moore (23) ..... Grand Master
R. W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88) ..... Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. George F. Ellis (124) ..... Senior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. Francis P. Galbraith (29) ..... Junior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. A. Jackson Davis (23) ..... Grand Treasurer
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6) ..... Grand Secretary
R. W. Bro. John Booth (51) ..... Grand Registrar

R. W. Bro. Rev. Alex. D. Currie (48) ..... Grand Chaplain
R. W. Bro. Percy Fielding (38) ..... Grand Tyler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R. W. Bro. E. Stanley Tharp (83) ..... D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Hugh J. Scott (57) ..... D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Lorne M. Muir (7) ..... D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Dr. Wm A. Henry (10) ..... D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Oscar McCune (79) ..... D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Chas. F. Forckel (22) ..... D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Archibald M. Fisher (119) ..... D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Jas. O. C. McDonald (30) ..... D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R. W. Bro. David Drinnan (122) ..... D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Francis J. Pyle (63) ..... D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
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R. W. Bro. Dr. Morton A. McIntyre (92) ..... D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Robt. E. Campbell (106) ..... D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Wm. B. Dunlop (98) ..... D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Eugene A. Roach (66) ..... D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Ernest A. Wagler (152) ..... D.D.G.M. No. 16 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Shieman (96) ..... D.D.G.M. No. 17 Dist.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:
R. W. Bro. Frank Barnhouse (7) ..... Edmonton
R. W. Bro. John A. Livingstone (4) ..... Lethbridge
R. W. Bro. A. G. R. Bond (78) ..... Hanna
R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134) ..... Calgary
R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Kirby (151) ..... Rocky Mountain House
R. W. Bro. E. A. Shaw (143) ..... Jasper
R. W. Bro. Dr. Thos. Hart (61) ..... Provost
R. W. Bro. J. L. Clarke (21) ..... Didsbury
And for one year:
R. W. Bro. F. J. Hand (1) ..... Calgary

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:
M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77) ..... Edmonton
R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9) ..... Calgary
R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124) ..... Calgary

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R. W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments:
V. W. Bro. John J. Petrie (28) ..... Senior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. Fred W. Rymer (63) ..... Junior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. John B. Snape (143) ..... Grand Organist
V. W. Bro. Geo. W. Skene (9) ... Grand Director of Ceremonies

V. W. Bro. James W. Weir (7) ..... Grand Pursuivant
V. W. Bro. Stanley R. Craig (49) ..... Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Peter Haggarty (26) ..... Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Chas. W. Furby (90) ..... Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Chas W. Lilley (11) ..... Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Harry N. Taylor (95) ..... Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Arthur W. Ross (159) ..... Grand Steward

MOTIONS

It was resolved, on motion of W. Bro. R. E. Campbell (106), seconded by Bro. Chas. Carter (S.W. 66), "That the thanks and appreciation of Grand Lodge be extended to the management of the Masonic Temple for the arrangements made and the attentive courtesy shown to Grand Lodge and its members at this communication, and that thanks be also extended to R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis for his kindness in supplying the radio for the broadcast of Their Majesties' farewell."

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. R. G. Thompson (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124), "That this Grand Lodge express its appreciation of the valuable work done by M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher and M. W. Bro. Kemmis, as Custodians of the Work."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12.30 o'clock p.m.

Second Day = = *Afternoon Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.15 o'clock p.m.

INSTALLATION AND INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS

The newly elected and appointed officers present were duly installed and invested by M. W. Bro. A. West, assisted by M. W. Bro. John Martland, P.G.M.

PRESENTATION

M. W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Master, presented M. W. Bro. A. West with the jewel of a Past Grand Master as a token of affection and appreciation of his services to Grand Lodge. M. W. Bro. West replied thanking his officers for the splendid support they had given him and all those who had contributed to make his year of office one of pleasure to himself and he hoped of some profit to the Craft.

M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair, P.G.M., also expressed to the retiring Grand Master and his officers, appreciation for the manner in which this Grand Lodge was conducted, feeling as an old member of Grand Lodge that the fraternal spirit and dignity of the Craft had been worthily upheld throughout the proceedings.

M. W. Bro. Moore then expressed his sincere thanks to Grand Lodge who had placed him in the high and responsible office of Grand Master and assured the brethren that he would spare no effort to advance the aims and objects of Freemasonry in the Province of Alberta. He wished them a safe journey home and hoped to meet them all at Grand Lodge next year in Edmonton.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Thirty-fourth Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 3:50 o'clock p.m. and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

J. H. W. S. Kennedy

Grand Secretary.

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107 - 6th Avenue W., Calgary

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11030 - 81st Ave., Edmonton
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*R. W. Bro. Harry Ford (76).....Bashaw
*R. W. Bro. Thos. W. Bull (63).....Edmonton
*R. W. Bro. F. J. Hand (1).....Calgary

(*)—Term expires with Annual Communication, June, 1940.

APPOINTED BY GRAND MASTER

R. W. Bro. Wm. M. Peel (54).....Calgary
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R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63)
R. W. Bro. E. A. Shaw (143)
R. W. Bro. J. L. Clarke (21)
R. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51)
R. W. Bro. J. W. Chapman (46)
R. W. Bro. Harry Ford (76)
R. W. Bro W. H. Chappell (86)

In Memoriam

OF THE

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

OF

SISTER GRAND LODGES

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Pass on, brave hearts, you do but leave behind
The perfume of a thousand fragrant blooms.
Your footsteps do but echo from the past
To linger still in memory's furnished rooms.

Furnished with thoughts of kindly spoken words,
Of kindly deeds, unheralded, unsung,
Of rough paths smoothed, of anguished moments eased,
Each like a bloom that you will find among
The beauties of an old world garden fair;
Our brethren these, you find them everywhere.

W. T. H. Cripps.

Memorial Page

Reverently Inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	*Name and Rank*	*Date of Death*
Alpina (Switzerland)	Uhlmann, F., G. M. Adjoint	Sep. 24, 1938
Arizona	Goldwater, Morris, P.G.M.	Apr. 11, 1939
Arizona	Sapp, Sidney, P.G.M.	June 26, 1938
Chile	Boccardo, B., Hector, P.G.M.	June 21, 1938
Colorado	Dudley, Charles H., P.G.M.	Sep. 6, 1938
Delaware	Valliant, William E., P.G.M.	Sep. 23, 1938
Florida	Calkins, Albert E., G.C.	Feb. 7, 1939
Indiana	Brownback, Orlando W., P.G.M.	Oct. 13, 1938
Kansas	Bond, Thomas L., P.G.M.	July 29, 1938
Maine	Case, Irving Wardell, P.S.G.W.	Mar. 22, 1939
Michigan	Eddy, Charles Burdette, P.G.M.	Oct. 10, 1938
Michigan	Savery, Wirt Ira, G.M	Jan 24, 1939
Mississippi	Faucette, Edward Lee, P.G.M.	Aug. 10, 1938
Montana	Carroll, John Lee, P.G.M.	Feb. 18, 1938
Nevada	Coleman, Benjamin Wilson, P.G.M.	Feb. 25, 1939
Nevada	Murphy, Frank Edward, D.G.M.	Apr. 21, 1939
North Dakota	Williamson, Walter L., P.G.M.	Mar. 3, 1939
Ohio	Marshall, George L., P.G.M.	Dec. 15, 1938
Ohio	Flotron, John Rouzer, P.G.M.	Apr. 25, 1939
Tennessee	McKinney, Charles Harvey, P.G.M.	Aug. 24, 1938
West Virginia	Laidley, George Summers, P.G.M., G.S.	Mar. 6 1938
West Virginia	Sugden, Walter Smith S.G.W.	July 7, 1938
Wisconsin	Flanders, Ralph G., D.G.M.	Feb. 2, 1939
Wisconsin	Jacobson, John, G.S.	July 3, 1938
Wisconsin	Webb, William H., D.G.M.	Feb. 25, 1939

In Memoriam

OF THE

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

OF

OUR OWN JURISDICTION

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"There came a time 'twill come to all,
When we shall hear the Warden's call,
And each with Ashlar, rough or true,
Must pass Death's solemn portal thru;
Be it yours, brethren, then to hear
From Master's lips these words of cheer,
'Your work is found both true and square,
Pass on.'"

Memorial Pages

To the honored Dead of our own Jurisdiction

No.	*Lodge*	*Name*	*Date of Death*
1.	Bow River	Craig, James	Feb. 10, 1938
1.	Bow River	Bremner, Archibald Patterson	Feb. 17, 1938
2.	Medicine Hat	McHugh, Edgar	Feb. 26, 1938
3.	Alberta	Patterson, Robert	Feb. 28, 1938
4.	North Star	Adams, Elias	June 11, 1938
4.	North Star	Hendry, James Crann	Mar. 15, 1938
4.	North Star	Maryon, Roland	Mar. 16, 1938
5.	Cascade	Duncan, Eugene Sidney	Mar. 22, 1938
5.	Cascade	Sibbald, Howard Embury	June 7, 1938
6.	Spitzie	Hunter, Samuel P.	Mar. 11, 1938
7.	Edmonton	Clark, John Edmund	Jan. 29, 1938
7.	Edmonton	Ferguson, Robert Binning	Mar. 13, 1938
7	Edmonton	Roberts, Orlando J.	Apr. 17, 1938
7.	Edmonton	Mullen, Charles Wilson	Apr. 30, 1938
7.	Edmonton	McKay, Hugh Anderson	July 29, 1938
7.	Edmonton	Johnstone, John L.	Nov. 18, 1938
8.	Innisfail	Goldstrom, August	Aug. 24, 1938
8.	Innisfail	Jenson, Thomas Shaw	Dec. 28, 1938
9.	Perfection	Harries, Thomas Batin	Jan. 4, 1938
9.	Perfection	Riddell, Robert	Feb. 11, 1938
9.	Perfection	Ward, Bertram Bishop	Aug. 16, 1938
9.	Perfection	Wayne, David Colvin	Aug. 20, 1938
9.	Perfection	Cooper, Frederick Bertram	Nov. 3, 1938
10.	Eureka	Warrior, Stuart Leonard	Jan. 28, 1938
11.	Acacia	Tupper, Edward Joseph	Jan. 6, 1938
11.	Acacia	Casper, Robert Cautrel	Oct. 2, 1938
11.	Acacia	Spence, John	Nov. 3, 1938
13.	Victoria	Barnott, Edward	Apr. 28, 1938
13.	Victoria	Graham, James Edward	Jul. 14, 1938
14.	Jasper	Adams, Joseph Mason	Jan. — 1938
14.	Jasper	Hetherington, Harry	Jan. 20, 1938
15.	Wetaskiwin	McColgan, Adam S.	Dec. 9, 1938
15.	Wetaskiwin	Leach, Hugh D. McLagan	Aug. 20, 1938

No.	*Lodge*	*Name*	*Date of Death*
17.	Nanton	Jessup, Aaron Zenas	Mar. 29, 1938
17.	Nanton	Williams, John	July 17, 1938
17.	Nanton	Keen, William Henry	July 31, 1938
18.	Britannia	Durkin, Thomas James	May 9, 1938
19.	Cornerstone	Gould, Henry Haines	Oct. 12, 1938
21.	King Hiram	Leisemer, George Henry	Nov. 1, 1938
22.	Corinthian	Williams, William Henry	Sep. 1, 1938
23.	Calgary	Chandler, Joseph Barrows	Oct. 27, 1938
24.	Vermilion	Hay, James	May 20, 1938
24.	Vermilion	Reid, James E	Sept. 1, 1938
25.	St. John's	Dunn, James Skinner	Apr. 28, 1938
27.	Apollo	Fenton, John Darcy	May 25, 1938
28.	Ashlar	McGinnis, Abraham E	Apr. 22, 1938
31.	Doric	Faulds, Robert	Sep. 10, 1938
32.	Cairo	Lyndon, William Augustus	May 2, 1938
33.	Stavely	Phillips, James Penall	Sep. 19, 1938
35.	Mizpah	Campbell, Duncan	Mar. 2, 1938
35.	Mizpah	Russell, Robert James	Mar. 21, 1938
35.	Mizpah	Davies, Enoch	Mar. 25, 1938
35.	Mizpah	Homer, Maurice Franklin	Mar. 29, 1938
25.	Mizpah	Hewitt, Joseph John	Aug. 22, 1938
37.	Camrose	Russell, John	Jan. 12, 1938
40.	Joppa	Sherman, William S.	Nov. 5, 1938
41.	King Solomon	Loughery, James Walter	Mar. 10, 1938
42.	Bowden	Hopkins, William	Nov. 3, 1938
44.	Buffalo Park	Fraser, James Hubert	Aug. 16, 1938
45.	Ionic	Docherty, James Robertson	Mar. 4, 1938
46.	Palestine	Chapman, John	Mar. 7, 1938
46.	Palestine	Ferguson, Johnstone	Oct. 3, 1938
49.	Robert Burns	Taylor, Ottie Lorn	Oct. 7, 1938
51.	Unity	Auld, Thomas Campbell	Feb. 25, 1938
51.	Unity	Dewar, Robert Alexander	Aug. 25, 1938
51.	Unity	Gibson, Robert Alexander	Oct. 31, 1938
53.	Strathmore	Weir, John Alexander	Feb. 18, 1938
53.	Strathmore	May, John Henry	Oct. 27, 1938
54.	Mount Lebanon	Bluett, Hedley	Jan. 25, 1938
54.	Mount Lebanon	Cottrell, Samuel J.	Jan. 29, 1938
54.	Mount Lebanon	Flink, Nils J.	Dec. 4, 1938
59.	King George	Binnion, Rupert	Dec. 27, 1938

No.	*Lodge*	*Name*	*Date of Death*
59.	King George	Ashton, Thomas Henry	Aug. 3, 1938
60.	Acme	Evans, Charles Noel	Sep. 18, 1938
63.	Empire	Westrope, William Russell	Nov. 16, 1938
68.	Edson	Mahon, Albert Hiram	Aug. 20, 1938
72.	Coronation	Brown, David Campbell	1938
73	Brooks	Stafford, Norman	May 4, 1938
73.	Brooks	Deveau, Fredrick Rodney	Nov. 15, 1938
74.	Vulcan	Watt, William	Dec. 29, 1938
77.	Strathcona	Bennett, Joseph	May 15, 1938
77.	Strathcona	Clarke, Henry T.	Apr. 30, 1938
78	Hanna	Esler, John	July 1, 1938
81.	Commercial	Johnson, Ernest Vernon	Feb. 25, 1938
83.	Zetland	Bradley, Frederick John	Feb. 4, 1938
83.	Zetland	Henderson, W. Morley	June 24, 1938
83.	Zetland	Dunn, Alex. Ebenezer	Dec. 8, 1938
83.	Zetland	Northfield, John Palfrey	Oct. 11, 1938
86.	Rocky Mountain	Rhodes, Daniel	Sep. 18, 1938
87.	Crescent	Watson, Thomas	Nov. 19, 1938
88.	Wahpun	Coughlin, James	Feb. 13, 1938
91.	Patricia	Halpenny, Robert M.	Dec. 4, 1938
91.	Patricia	Needham, Thomas	Aug. 16, 1938
91.	Patricia	Patterson, William Harrison	Oct. 15, 1938
92.	Saskatchewan	Macdonald, John Clyde	Dec. 27, 1938
93.	Symbol	McKinnell, John	June 5, 1938
94.	Lamont	Bennett, Richard A.	Mar. 18, 1938
98.	Hand Hill	Puller, Clyde Archibald	June 6, 1938
101.	West Edmonton	Dell, William Alexander	May 15, 1938
102.	Edgerton	Burton, Edgar Withers	Dec. 22, 1938
102.	Edgerton	Morrow, George Lowery	Mar. 13, 1938
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Watts, William Harry	1938
108.	Pyramid	Walkey, Leland W.	Nov. 11, 1938
111.	Nobleford	Ronney, Andrew Frederick	July 25, 1938
112.	Victory	MacGregor, Sterling Roy	July 18, 1938
113.	Cyprus	Gibb, John Edgar	July 9, 1938
114.	Westlock	Manning, Herbert E.	Mar. 1, 1938
114.	Westlock	Merryweather, Frank	Mar. 12, 1938
116.	Spirit River	Bennett, Caleb L.	Aug. 8, 1938
116.	Spirit River	Williams, Richard A.	Oct. 16, 1938
116.	Spirit River	English, William S. O	Nov. 7, 1938

No.	*Lodge*	*Name*	*Date of Death*
117.	Dominion	Rait, George	Mar. 24, 1938
120.	Monitor	Peake, Nelson	May 15, 1938
124.	Concord	Gibson, Robert S.	Apr. 9, 1938
126.	Pembina	Sides, Francis Sr.	Dec. 16, 1938
134.	Renfrew	Cook, Colin McDonald	Feb. 12, 1938
142.	Ivanhoe	Smith, John Steele	Jan. 2, 1938
142.	Ivanhoe	Walkinshaw, John	Apr. 1, 1938
144.	Gratton	Elliott, John H.	Jan. 8, 1938
145.	St. Alban's	Larson, Fritz	Sep. 11, 1938
146.	Drumheller	Rodgers, James	Mar. 29, 1938
147.	Northland	Cunning, Robert	Mar. 9, 1938
148.	Mayerthorpe	Wardlow, Thomas Jefferson	July 28, 1938
157.	Sharon	Rittir, Charles Edward	Sep. 20, 1938

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(Not previously reported)

No.	*Lodge*	*Name*
10.	Eureka	Gourley, James
10.	Eureka	Sharp, Hugh A.
10.	Eureka	Stansbery, William
10.	Eureka	Taylor, Walter Joseph
56.	Beaver	Low, Lester Duanne
56.	Beaver	Coppock, Hubert Warren
88.	Wahpun	Faulkner, James William
105.	Grande Prairie	Madsen, Anders Kris
142.	Ivanhoe	Smith, Lloyd Campbell
142.	Ivanhoe	Paterson, Herbert

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4.	North Star	Castle, Charles
4.	North Star	Cranston, Percy H.
4.	North Star	Hogg, Andrew B.
4.	North Star	Kirkham, Norman P.
4.	North Star	Rodier, Edward R.
5.	Cascade	Cochrane, Charles William
5.	Cascade	Denson, Alexander Richard
5.	Cascade	Finlayson, Forbes Leopold
5.	Cascade	Unwin, Arthur
6.	Spitzie	Freeman, Arthur H.
6.	Spitzie	Gilbert, H. J.
7.	Edmonton	Harris, George G.
7.	Edmonton	Rocke, Guy V. H.
7.	Edmonton	Johnston, Oliver C.
7.	Edmonton	Pugh, Wm. P. B.
7.	Edmonton	Randall, Harold
9.	Perfection	Stone, Edward Charles
9.	Perfection	Newton, Walter Selkirk
12.	Red Deer	Ainsworth, Henry Elmer
12.	Red Deer	Houghton, Jonathon Clark
12.	Red Deer	Stone, Clarence Henry
12.	Red Deer	Van Slyke, Ross Andrew
12.	Red Deer	White, John Bryce
12.	Red Deer	Wilson ,Thomas Edmonds
16.	Mountain View	Brown, Richard C. C.
16.	Mountain View	Hodges, Charles J.
16.	Moyntain View	Bury, William H.
16.	Mountain View	Dick, J. Everett
17.	Nanton	Sweeney, John Meredith
18.	Britannia	Smith, Thomas Charles
19.	Cornerstone	Caspell, Lindsay Ranside
19.	Cornerstone	Spankie, Herbert Langtry
21.	King Hiram	Concannon, Thomas William
21.	King Hiram	Griffith, Charles H.
21.	King Hiram	Whiteside, Joseph Kirkpatrick
22.	Corinthian	Bradfield, Paul Edmond
24.	Vermilion	Newlove, William Joseph H.

24. Vermilion.....Wilson, Charles
25. St. John's.....Asselstine, Milford C.
25. St. John's.....Bigland, Edgar F.
25. St. John's.....Watson, William A.
25. St. John's.....Pitt, John
25. St. John's.....Provan, Ralph
26. Sentinel.....Tucker, Samuel John
26. Sentinel.....Farmer, James Harrington
26. Sentinel.....Thornton, Robert Donaldson
26. Sentinel.....Briscoe, Daniel
26. Sentinel.....Stevenson, William
27. Apollo.....Charlesworth, James
27. Apollo.....Welch, Harry Eugene
27. Apollo.....Wilkinson, Clifford James
27. Apollo.....Mair, Charles Mellis Haddon
27. Apollo.....Bonitz, Henry Max
27. Apollo.....Shepherd. John
27. Apollo.....Tolman, Albert Ray
29. Kenilworth.....Raney, Neil
31. Doric.....Long, Robert William
32. Cairo.....Guy, Thomas
32. Cairo.....Reynolds, George L.
35. Mizpah.....Cook, James
35. Mizpah.....Davidson, Richard Boyd
35. Mizpah.....Graham, William
35. Mizpah.....Hay, Carlton Murven Stanley
35. Mizpah.....Keller, Forest Stanley
35. Mizpah.....Legh, Francis Clifford
35. Mizpah.....Saunders, Charles Douglas
36. Gleichen.....Hardwick, E. Douglas
36. Gleichen.....Jones, Gaylen
36. Gleichen.....Shouldice, David Russell Moore
36. Gleichen.....Smith, Harry Leonard
36. Gleichen.....Robinson, Thomas
37. Camrose.....Curtiss, Horace Phelps
37. Camrose.....Pearce, Leo Elmere
38. Hope.....Chrysler, John
39. Lethbridge.....Stellar, Alvin Bernard
39. Lethbridge.....Brown, Addison Lea
41. King Solomon.....Turner, Arthur
42. Bowden.....Morris, George A.
42. Bowden.....Neilson, Peter K.
43. Tuscan.....Doidge, Alfred Edward
43. Tuscan.....Gildast, James Gordon
43. Tuscan.....Hall, Fred Harold
43. Tuscan.....Strachota, Gregory William
43. Tuscan.....Whybrow, Edward Henry
44. Buffalo Park.....Maynes, Gordon
44. Buffalo Park.....Long, George
47. Chinook.....Littleton, Robert
47. Chinook.....Leigh, James Tremlett
47. Chinook.....Moir, Robert Nellis
48. Crossfield.....Macadam, James Ewart
51. Unity.....Duncan, Louis Symon
51. Unity.....Morris, Charles
51. Unity.....Reid, Mariannus Lunan
54. Mount Lebanon.....Fletcher, Walter

54. Mount Lebanon.....Howison, Henry S.
54. Mount Lebanon.....Lamb, Stanley R.
54. Mount Lebanon.....Roberts, Harry W.
57. Grassy Lake.....Meacham, Edward
57. Grassy Lake.....Stewart, John
59. King George.....Thom, Neil
59. King George.....Smith, Frederick G.
59. King George.....Reid, Alexander G.
59. King George.....Moore, William
59. King George.....Millett, Ernest
59. King George.....Huitson, George F.
59. King George.....Campbell, Robert V.
59. King George.....Ashmead, Reginald S. W.
59. King George.....MacPherson, Hugh, Jr.
60. Acme.....Waterman, Phineas
61. Provost.....McLeod, James
63. Empire.....Cooper, Rex William
63. Empire.....Coles, Harry Victor
70. Quarry.....Champ, Harry
70. Quarry.....Worts, George Henry
71. Tawatinaw.....Robertson, James Allan Duncan
71. Tawatinaw.....Gyte, Albert
72. Brooks.....Enright, Clarence James
73. Brooks.....Howie, James Mouncey
73. Brooks.....Naylor, William G.
74. Vulcan.....Lawrie, S. W.
74. Vulcan.....Campbell, Duncan
74. Vulcan.....Churchill, D. S.
74. Vulcan.....Walker, Ross
74. Vulcan.....Leverington, Lorne B.
74. Vulcan.....Barker, Harry P.
76. Fidelity.....Reay, Thomas R.
76. Fidelity.....Mortenson, Jess
76. Fidelity.....Cullerne, Lionel H. V.
76. Fidelity.....Bingham, Alfred B.
76. Fidelity.....Gordon, John Peter
77. Strathcona.....Lain, John Theodore
77. Strathcona.....Osborne, John Roscoe
78. Hanna.....Jamieson, Johnston
78. Hanna.....Kennedy, James
78. Hanna.....Kuse, Matthew
78. Hanna.....Wade, Joseph
79. Morning Star.....Moore, Albert Howard
79. Morning Star.....Coughlin, Mahlon Gray
80. Excelsior.....Mansell, Joseph
80. Excelsior.....Smith-Gander, Leonard S.
81. Commercial.....Matteson, Robert
81. Commercial.....Alexander, Robert
81. Commercial.....Young, William J. M.
81. Commercial.....Bower, Allan C.
84. Champion.....Archibald, John
84. Champion.....McLean, Gordon Kelly
86. Rocky Mountain.....McLaren, Finley
88. Wahpun.....Hall, Joseph
89. Peace River.....Paul, James Lloyd
89. Peace River.....Jackson, Frederick C.
89. Peace River.....Thompson, G. B.

89. Peace River.....Casson, George E.
91. Patricia.....Cooper, John Edwin
91. Patricia.....Hughes, Edward
91. Patricia.....Kerr, William D.
91. Patricia.....Milne, Harry
91. Patricia.....Ottewell, George G.
91. Patricia.....Robertson, William
92. Saskatchewan.....Wade, Stanley Ernest
92. Saskatchewan.....McCartney, Grant
92. Saskatchewan.....Mitchell, Andrew
92. Saskatchewan.....Stainthorp, William
92. Saskatchewan.....Owen, Philip
92. Saskatchewan.....Hare, James Halliday
93. Symbol.....Berry, Henry
93. Symbol.....Brownell, Robert A.
93. Symbol.....Watts, Edgar
96. Dynamic.....Jones, Charles Richard
96. Dynamic.....Granger, Roger Maxwell
101. West Edmonton.....Hough, William Douglas
101. West Edmonton.....Olsen, Christian L.
103. Foremost.....Mathieson, David Connor
103. Foremost.....Chisholm, Thomas Ira
107. Carbon.....Jealous, Arthur Harold
107. Carbon.....Purdy, Reginald H.
107. Carbon.....Sellens, Charles Edmund
111. Nobleford.....MacDonald, Hestor Ewen
116. Spirit River.....Geller, Charles
116. Spirit River.....Barker, Dan L.
116. Spirit River.....Wade, William
116. Spirit River.....Moore, Don C.
116. Spirit River.....Johnson, Ormond A.
116. Spirit River.....Harrington, Lawrence G.
117. Dominion.....Donnelly, James
118. St. Mark's.....Friend, Eric John
118. St. Mark's.....Barrs, George A.
118 St.Mark's.....McGraw, Alexander
119. York.....Williams, James
124. Concord.....Ward, Frederick C.
124. Concord.....Hutchings, George T.
124. Concord.....Butler, George Frank
124. Concord.....Sunderland, Willard Clayton
127. Granite.....Gilbert, Harry
127. Granite.....Rockafellow, Fred J.
127. Granite.....Thacker, Carl Ray
127. Granite.....Springer, Harry
129. Meridian.....Holt, Ebenezer Alexander
129. Meridian.....Bone, George Robert
134. Renfrew.....Arnott, Orville Claire
134. Renfrew.....Patterson, John Garfield
134. Renfrew.....Smith, Benjamin Moore.
134. Renfrew.....Turner, Reginald Myers Conway
135. Alliance.....Allnutt, Alexander John
136. Cresset.....Cowie, Joseph R.
136. Cresset.....Hughes, Alva P.
136. Cresset.....Lussier, Edward C.
136. Cresset.....McKechnie, Archibald W.
136. Cresset.....McLean, Murdo

142.	Ivanhoe	Pierce-Goulding, Edward
142.	Ivanhoe	MacKay, William Angus
142.	Ivanhoe	Park, John Smith
143.	Jasper Park	Yoeman, James Henry
144.	Gratton	Grant, Kenneth Stedman
144.	Gratton	Saville, Joseph Lythgoe
146.	Drumheller	McPhee, John Wallace
149.	Rosebud	Defoe, George Nelson
153.	Whitecourt	Craig, Hugh Douglas
153.	Whitecourt	Graham, John
153.	Whitecourt	Lyons, Nelson
155.	Earl Haig	McArthur, James Gordon
155.	Earl Haig	Smith, Charles C.
157.	Sharon	Jones, Albert Eugene

RESTORATIONS

No.	*Lodge*	*Name*	*Date.*
1.	Bow River	Collins, Henry James	June 13, 1938
7.	Edmonton	Murphy, Alfred D.	Mar. 8, 1938
7.	Edmonton	Stewart, Robert Taylor	Mar. 8, 1938
7.	Edmonton	Johnston, Jasper Peter	Dec. 13, 1938
7.	Edmonton	McLellan, William Duffield	Dec. 13, 1938
9.	Perfection	Muir, Seymour	May 17, 1938
10.	Eureka	Taylor, Walter Joseph	Feb. 22, 1938
12.	Red Deer	Gilchrist, Hugh	Feb. 8, 1938
12.	Red Deer	Dodds, Frederick Earle	Dec. 12, 1938
13.	Victoria	Hannah, James Stuart	Dec. 6, 1938
18.	Britannia	Westgate, Frank	Mar. 3, 1938
18.	Britannia	Jones, Hudson G.	Apr. 7, 1938
18.	Britannia	Rees, Herbert J.	Dec. 30, 1938
19.	Cornerstone	Fox, Samuel Herbert	Oct. 20, 1938
21.	King Hiram	Moyle, Frederick	Dec. 11, 1938
21.	King Hiram	Shiels, Jacob George	Dec. 11, 1938
23.	Calgary	Smith, Andrew	Dec. 2, 1938
29.	Kenilworth	MacLaren, John Gordon	Mar. 1, 1938
36.	Gleichen	Jones, Gaylen	Jan. 15, 1938
36.	Gleichen	Lunan, John	Dec. 14, 1938
38.	Hope	Crooks, Cecil Hall	Apr. 11, 1938
41.	King Solomon	Hall, John	Mar. 10, 1938
41.	King Solomon	Boucher, John Thomas	Mar. 10, 1938
41.	King Solomon	Borton, Arnold E.	Mar. 10, 1938
46.	Palestine	Webb, William A.	Dec. 21, 1938
47	Chinook	Van Dusen, George Herbert	Aug. 8, 1938
49.	Robert Burns	Bowman, James Luther	Dec. 29, 1938
51.	Unity	Lowry, Edgar George	Feb. 1, 1938
51	Unity	Commeyne, Florent Henry	Sept. 6, 1938
51.	Unity	Sapper, Abraham	Oct. 4, 1938
55.	Bassano	Hannah, Edward Leon	Mar. 8, 1938
55	Bassano	Wheatley, Frederick	Oct. 11, 1938
57.	Grassy Lake	McNabb, John A.	Dec. 27, 1938
59.	King George	Black, William C.	Apr. 8, 1938
60.	Acme	Robinson, William James	Jan. 13, 1938
61.	Provost	Murphy, Frank M.	Nov. 16, 1938
66.	St. Andrew's	Hanna, William Howard	Mar. 10, 1938
67.	Charity	Wesely, James	Mar. 8, 1938

No.	*Lodge*	*Name*	*Date.*
70.	Quarry	Amdahl, Theodore John	Jan. 5, 1938
70.	Quarry	Grinnell, William	Feb. 5, 1938
71.	Tawatinaw	Mahood, Robert Fisher	May 4, 1938
72.	Coronation	Meiklejohn, Alex. McDonald	Dec. 1, 1938
72.	Coronation	Davis, Earl W	Aug. 19, 1938
74.	Vulcan	Adam, Roy R	Sept. 6, 1938
77.	Strathcona	McFarlane, William Albert	Nov. 11, 1938
78.	Hanna	Davidson, Allison	Dec. 7, 1938
87.	Crescent	Colvin, John G	Jan. 11, 1938
87.	Crescent	Russell, Frederick H	Jan. 11, 1938
87.	Crescent	Davies, Christopher, L	Dec. 14, 1937
87.	Crescent	Ross, Joseph H	Feb. 8, 1938
89.	Peace River	Sanborn, Leo Maxwell	Mar. 2, 1938
90.	Norwood	Moore, James Septimus	Mar. 9, 1938
94.	Lamont	Love, Britton I	Feb. 14, 1938
98.	Hand Hill	Anderson, Anton	Jan. 12, 1938
100.	Verdigris	Guess, Bert M	Dec. 28, 1938
100.	Verdigris	Smith, Charles D	Dec. 28, 1938
103.	Foremost	Mason, William Fidler	Mar. 2, 1938
104.	Oyen	Wilson, Charles	Aug. 5, 1938
104.	Oyen	McQuarrie, Archie M	Nov. 4, 1938
105.	Grande Prairie	Thompson, John Bosdit	Mar. 16, 1938
105.	Grande Prairie	Phealan, Frederick James	June 15, 1938
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Hanson, Darre O	Mar. 3, 1938
111.	Nobleford	Ronney, Andrew Frederick	Feb. 8, 1938
112.	Victory	Williams, Ellis Thomas	June 2, 1938
118.	St. Mark's	Malin, Reginald Harry	Jan. 7, 1938
120.	Monitor	Perry, William George	July 14, 1938
126.	Pembina	Giles, Wilbert	June 13, 1938
126.	Pembina	Merryweather, George	June 6, 1938
133.	Manyberries	Flett, Alexander	Apr. 20, 1938
133.	Manyberries	Carlyle, Robert Harold	Dec. 21, 1938
137.	Irricana	Martin, Morris	Nov. 1, 1938
137.	Irricana	Smith, Lloyd James	Dec. 8, 1938
137.	Irricana	Davis, Alfred Thomas	Nov. 1, 1938
140.	Big Valley	Bigelow, Russell John	Sept. 7, 1938
142.	Ivanhoe	Smith, Lloyd Campbell	Mar. 7, 1938
143.	Jasper Park	Keen, John Scrymgeour	Oct. 13, 1938
143.	Jasper Park	Otto, Robert Closson	Dec. 27, 1938
155.	Earl Haig	La Brie, John Michel	Jan. 1, 1938
156.	Hythe	Everton, Fred Eugene	Sept. 29, 1938
157.	Sharon	Hughes, Jack	Feb. 23, 1938
158.	Berry Creek	Allen, William Samuel	Apr. 27, 1938
158.	Berry Creek	Adams, Elijah Thetis	Aug. 24, 1938

Lodge Directory

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1.	Bow River	T. G. Larose	E. W. Thomas	909-4th Ave. N.W., Calgary	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat	F. R. Millican	W. H. Williams	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta	R. D. McNay	G. R. Davis	Macleod	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star	P. M. Ironside	W. M. Edwards	P. O. Box 402, Lethbridge	Second Monday in each month.
5.	Cascade	C. R. Summerhays	W. A. Alexander	Banff	Second Thursday in each month
6.	Spitzie	W. Gathercole	G. C. Miller	Pincher Creek	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton	F. G. Heron	F. Barnhouse	Box 34, Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Innisfail	L. J. Llewellyn	W. C. A. Watt	Innisfail	Third Thursday in each month.
9.	Perfection	O. H. E. Might	C. S. Evins	102 Bk. Commerce Chbrs., Calgary	Third Tuesday in each month.
10.	Eureka	H. C. Hopkins	D. F. Chisholm	Lacombe	First Wednesday in each month.
11.	Acacia	A. J. G. Lauder	C. W. Lilley	11030-81st Ave., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
12.	Red Deer	J. E. MacIntosh	A. G. Ayres	Red Deer	Second Tuesday in each month.
13.	Victoria	H. Thoms	D. Roberts	Fort Saskatchewan	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
14.	Jasper	R. A. Andison	H. Sandilands	9258-91st St., Edmonton	Second Monday in each month.
15.	Wetaskiwin	J. O. Anderson	Harry G. Smith	Wetaskiwin	Third Thursday in each month
16.	Mountain View	H. S. Hodgins	A. T. Kemp	Olds	First Monday in each month.
17.	Nanton	P. W. White	Dr. G. E. McKeage	Nanton	Second Thursday in each month.
18.	Britannia	W. J. Martin	R. W. McWilliam	Ponoka	First Thursday in each month.
19.	Cornerstone	A. E. Taylor	J. F. Casteel	High River	Third Thursday in each month.
20.	Carstairs	R. R. Haag	A. S. Gough	Carstairs	Second Thursday in each month
21.	King Hiram	J. H. Hosegood	H. Morgan	Didsbury	Second Tuesday in each month.
22.	Corinthian	C. W. Johnson	G. C. S. Paterson	Okotoks	First Tuesday in each month.
23.	Calgary	A. Kent	J. A. McBurney	2122 5th St. W., Calgary	First Friday in each month.
24.	Vermilion	N. J. Greig	J. W. G. Morrison	Vermilion	First Tuesday in each month.
25.	St. John's	F. Shaw	F. W. Laing	Vegreville	First Monday in each month.
26.	Sentinel	P. Haggarty	H. O. Westrup	Hillcrest	Second Thursday in each month.
27.	Apollo	K. A. Cameron	Dr. N. W. Connolly	Stettler	First Monday in each month.
28.	Ashlar	C. H. Lemarchand	J. W. Quinney	808-16th Ave. W., Calgary	Second Thursday in each month.
29.	Kenilworth	F. M. Hayhoe	Rev. W. T. H. Cripps	Red Deer	First Tuesday in each month.
30.	Summit	S. C. Short	A. M. W. Cooke	Coleman	First Thursday in each month.
31.	Doric	T. C. Williams	W. Gidman	Taber	Second Tuesday in each month.
32.	Cairo	L. T. Hutton	D. A. Mouser	Claresholm	Third Tuesday in each month.
33.	Stavely	R. H. Townsend	M. E. Malchow	Stavely	First Tuesday in each month.
34.	Star of the West	J. Ferguson	R. M. Coote	Leduc	First Tuesday in each month.
35.	Mizpah	J. D. Tufford	A. G. Finch	645-2nd Street, Medicine Hat	Third Tuesday in each month.
36.	Gleichen	R. S. Haskayne	J. F. Gorrill	Box 272, Gleichen	First Tuesday in each month.
37.	Camrose	A. Webb	F. F. Bailey	Camrose	Second Thursday in each month.
38.	Hope	R. W. Bushell	W. N. Crooks	Mannville	Monday, on or before full moon.
39.	Lethbridge	H. H. McIlvena	E. J. Rossiter	P. O. Box 537, Lethbridge	Third Thursday in each month.
40.	Joppa	A. G. Blair	O. H. Edwardh	Granum	Second Thursday in each month.

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41.	King Solomon	S. B. Allan	A. Moore	Cochrane	Thursday, on or before full moon.
42.	Bowden	N. Cranston	W. J. Henderson	Bowden	Second Tuesday in each month.
43.	Tuscan	Wm. Fairweather	Hayward Smith	Killam	First Wednesday in each month
44.	Buffalo Park	J. A. Hamilton	J. Robinson	Wainwright	First Wednesday in each month.
45.	*Ionic*	*H. F. Price*	*W. C. Tallman*	*Alix*	*Thursday, before full moon.*
46.	Palestine	A. B. Clutterham	David K. Allan	Tofield	Third Tuesday in each month.
47.	Chinook	H. B. Welsh	M. A. Murphy	Cowley	Monday, on or before full moon.
48.	Crossfield	D. J. Hall	S. Willis	Crossfield	Second Tuesday in each month.
49.	Robert Burns	R. F. Clark	F. J. Whitmarsh	Carmangay	Second Monday in each month.
50.	Comet	E. R. Mattless	F. W. Ingram	Hardisty	Second Wednesday in each month.
51.	Unity	R. Bibby	J. Booth	9350-108th Ave., Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month.
53.	Strathmore	B. D. Fessenden	W. S. Paterson	Strathmore	First Monday in each month.
54.	Mount Lebanon	P. E. Jordan	N. McKechnie	1413-3rd St. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
55.	*Bassano*	*H. W. Harper*	*H. H. Beeber*	*Bassano*	*Second Tuesday in each month.*
56.	Beaver	J. C. Reid	T. A. Marshall	Castor	First Wednesday in each month.
57.	Grassy Lake	Wm. E. McNevin	H. J. Scott	Grassy Lake	Second Thursday in each month.
58.	Chief Mountain	H. W. Parker	Wm. Betts	P. O. Box 11, Cardston	Third Tuesday in each month.
59.	King George	J. S. Hodgson	T. B. Donald	1126 Kensington Road, Calgary	Second Friday in each month.
60.	Acme	T. M. Evans	C. B. McGill	Acme	*Thursday, on or before full moon.*
61.	Provost	R. P. Biggs	W. G. Fox	Provost	Third Wednesday in each month.
62.	Coal	S. W. Pierce	H. E. Molstad	Bawlf	Third Thursday in each month.
63.	Empire	W. H. Noble	J. Martland	9618-105th St., Edmonton	Third Monday in each month.
64.	*Bow Island*	*H. Jenkins*	*Wm. Hyland*	Bow Island	Third Tuesday in each month.
65.	Diamond City	M. Campbell	H. B. Fuller	Kipp	First Thursday in each month.
66.	St. Andrew's	Chas. Carter	P. T. Rutherford	Trochu	Second Thursday in each month.
67.	Charity	W. B. Shand	Chas. Linn	617-12th. St. S., Lethbridge	Second Tuesday in each month.
68.	Edson		F. C. Glover	P. O. Box 110, Edson	First Thursday in each month.
69.	Connaught	*H. W. K. Hilliker*	*H. B. Collier*	*Viking*	*Tuesday nearest full moon.*
70.	Quarry	J. R. Lakey	J. R. W. Cann	Box 242, Redcliff	First Tuesday in each month.
71.	Tawatinaw	J. D. Galloway	S. C. Ward	Meanook	First Thursday in each month.
72.	Coronation	M. R. Butterfield	H. L. Staples	Coronation	Thursday, on or before full moon.
73.	Brooks	J. A. Charlton	Dr. C. E. Anderson	Brooks	Third Tuesday in each month.
74.	Vulcan	W. L. Irvine	D. McAfee	Vulcan	First Tuesday in each month.
75.	Harmony	C. E. Blakeney	W. C. Reed	Sedgewick	Monday, on or before full moon.
76.	Fidelity	Fred Sykes	J. R. Hume	Bashaw	Tuesday, on or before full moon
77.	Strathcona	R. Henderson	H. C. Neal	10939-81st Ave., Edmonton	Second Friday in each month.
78.	*Hanna*	*J. P. Winning*	*J. H. Stephens*	*Hanna*	*First Wednesday in each month.*
79.	Morning Star	J. H. Walmsley	C. P. Rowland	Lougheed	Third Thursday in each month
80.	Excelsior	Robt. Powell	H. V. Phipps	Box 35, Strome	First Thursday in each month.
81.	Commercial	G. B. Thorn	A. G. Caldwell	11023-125th St., Edmonton	First Friday in each month.
82.	Acadia	J. M. Beamish	W. S. Cummings	Youngstown	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
83.	Zetland	A. B. Ballentine	C. R. Cameron	1312-7th St., N.W., Calgary	*First Thursday in each month*
84.	Champion	J. B. Hagerman	G. L. Depue	Champion	Second Thursday in each month.

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86.	Rocky Mountain	John Rudd	J. R. McLeod	Box 2033, Blairmore	Second Monday in each month.
87.	Crescent	G. W. Rockley	M. Currie	607-17th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
88.	Wahpun	A. H. Key	C. A. Walker	P. O. Box 424, High Prairie	Thursday, on or after full moon.
89.	Peace River	W. B. F. Davis	T. A. Norris	Peace River	First Thursday in each month
90.	Norwood	W. McDonald	W. Horrocks	3 Chatham Apts., 10033-107th St., Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
91.	Patricia	S. Johnson	J. L. Mellish	Box 491, Edmonton	Third Friday in each month.
92.	Saskatchewan	W. S. S. Armstrong	E. Hollingworth	9721-96th St., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
93.	Symbol	G. T. Richards	J. H. Weir	Drumheller	Second Thursday in each month.
94.	Lamont	J. F. McKellar	L. B. Adams	Lamont	Second Monday in each month.
95.	Kitchener	W. A. Cotton	H. N. Taylor	Rimbey	First Tuesday in each month.
96.	Dynamic	W. D. Hopkins	D. H. Allan	Holden	First Wednesday in each month.
97.	Albion	A. E. Keith	R. G. Coupland	Chauvin	First Thursday in each month.
98.	Hand Hill	W. K. Sutherland	D. H. Campbell	Delia	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
100.	Verdigris	O. J. Hurlburt	Wm. Finlay	Milk River	Third Tuesday in each month.
101.	West Edmonton	D. G. MacDonald	W. Bridge	12843-121st St., Edmonton	*First Wednesday in each month.*
102.	Edgerton	F. W. Davis	F. F. Mitchell	Edgerton	Monday, on or before full moon.
103.	Foremost	F. F. O. Chisholm	L. Crawshaw	Foremost	First Wednesday in each month.
104.	Oyen	C. M. Laverty	O. E. Samuelson	Oyen	First Friday in each month.
105.	Grande Prairie	A. D. Wishart	L. Kowensky	Grande Prairie	Third Wednesday in each month.
106.	Lake Saskatoon	D. N. Allison	A. E. W. Roberts	Wembley	First Wednesday in each month.
107.	Carbon	T. G. Cadman	W. A. Braisher	Carbon	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
108.	Pyramid		E. W. Frost	Lomond	Third Thursday in each month.
109.	Ancient Landmark	L. A. McKinley	A. H. Finch	Mirror	First Wednesday in each month.
110.	Kilwinning	F. J. Roy	R. Hayward	Innisfree	Third Monday in each month.
111.	Nobleford	S. J. Cox	E. Rubie	P. O. Box 60, Nobleford	Second Tuesday in each month.
112.	Victory	H. A. Symonds	H. V. Lindberg	Jarrow	Second Thursday in each month
113.	Cyprus	T. W. Saunders	Wm. Harte	Box 95, Three Hills	Third Wednesday in each month.
114.	Westlock	J. A. Forsythe	W. J. McCullough	Westlock	First Thursday in each month.
115.	Crocus	J. A. Waterhouse	H. J. Westphal	Cereal	Wednesday, on or after full moon
116.	Spirit River	J. Paul	J. M. Fildes	Spirit River	Third Monday in each month.
117.	Dominion	H. H. Templeman	W. W. Ward	10228-107th St., Edmonton	Second Wednesday in each month.
118.	St. Mark's	W. B. Coates	R. W. Price	1824-15th St., S.W., Calgary	*Second Monday in each month.*
119.	York	R. M. Glover	Geo. A. Thompson	Box 301, Lethbridge	First Tuesday in each month.
120.	Monitor	W. H. Brocklesby	D. D. Thomas	Altario	Second Thursday in each month.
122.	Rising Sun	A. L. Sanders	D. Drinnan	Gadsby	Second Wednesday in each month.
123.	Rockyford	E. A. McLean	C. R. Walrod	Rockyford	Fourth Monday in each month.
124.	Concord	A. B. Gibson	G. J. McKay	210-38th St. N.W., Calgary	First Saturday in each month.
125.	Cavell	D. McWhan	M. J. Manning	Delburne	Thursday, on or before full moon.
126.	Pembina	R. Neihlhausen	A. G. Reishus	Sangudo	First Monday in each month.
127.	Granite	J. A. Webb	H. Andrews	Blackie	First Wednesday in each month.
128.	Forestburg	W. J. Whelan	Hans Farvolden	Forestburg	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
129.	Meridian	N. McKinley	Jas. Malloch	Stony Plain	Second Wednesday in each month.
130.	Hussar	A. E. Hobbs	H. B. Stitt	Hussar	Second Monday in each month.

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131.	Kitscoty	John Dale	Chas. N. Gray	Kitscoty	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
132.	Craigmyle	T. Davey	A. W. Read	Craigmyle	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
133.	Manyberries	P. Kirvold	O. E. Larson	Manyberries	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
134.	Renfrew	G. W. Bureau	C. S. B. Lait	239-15th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
135.	Alliance	J. I. Gibson	N. B. Anderson	Alliance	First Wednesday in each month.
136.	Cresset	C. B. Nelson	J. A. Gow	Barons	First Monday in each month.
137.	Irricana	J. H. Coldwell	P. Hallam	Irricana	Third Tuesday in each month.
138.	Onoway	W. Mathewson	S. M. McLaughlin	Onoway	First Wednesday in each month
139.	Melrose	S. M. McLaughlin	N. A. Houghton	Daysland	Second Tuesday in each month.
140.	Big Valley	B C. Duncan	Frank Dewar	Big Valley	First Wednesday in each month.
141.	*Efficiency*	E. K. Kirberg	J. H. Cochrane	Hughenden	First Monday in each month.
142.	Ivanhoe	G. A. Gemeroy	M. C. Wright	9908½-115th St., Edmonton	Third Monday in each month.
143.	Jasper Park	E E. Neighbor	F. A. Bryant	P. O. Box 12, Jasper	Second Thursday in each month.
144.	Gratton	I. S. Reeds	T. E. Yarr	Irma	Third Thursday in each month.
145.	St Alban's	W. E. Gullion	W. G. Fuller	St. Paul, Box 107	Fourth Saturday in each month
146.	Drumheller	T. R. Sutherland	V. W. R. B. Ball	Drumheller	Third Tuesday in each month.
147.	Northland	L. C. Brockway	E. J. Martin	Fairview	Second Wednesday in each month
148.	Mayerthorpe	L. E. Taylor	C. C. Hazen	Mayerthorpe	Thursday, on or before full moon.
149.	Rosebud	G. Stafford	B. M. Parker	Rosebud	Second Wednesday in each month.
151.	Lochearn	E. Ross	J. Horne	Rocky Mountain House	Third Tuesday in each month.
152.	Standard	C. W. Grant	E. A. Wagler	Standard	Third Monday in each month.
153.	Whitecourt	A. H. White	Thos. G Govenlock	Whitecourt	First Wednesday in each month.
154.	Waskatenau	T. E. Jewell	F. J. Henry	P. O. Box 48, Waskatenau	First Wednesday in each month
155.	Earl Haig	A. A. Cameron	A. E. Goode	Barrhead	Sceond Monday in each month.
156.	Hythe	E H. Rivers	J. G. McQuarrie	Hythe	Last Thursday in each month.
157.	Sharon	G. Aitken	Robt. Arthur	Iron Springs	Fourth Wednesday in each month
158.	Berry Creek	W. C. Olson	Hugh H. Forster	Pollockville	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
159.	Lucerne	W. H. Van Wyck	N. Porter	Vauxhall	First Tuesday in each month.
160.	Sexsmith	D. Wyman	T. A. Bairbairn	Sexsmith	Second Wednesday in each month.

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No.	Lodge	Dec. 31, 1937	Degrees			Joined	Reinstated	Decrease				Dec. 31, 1938	Increase	Decrease
			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimit	N.P.D.	U.M.C.	Died			
1	Bow River	194	3	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	2	198	4	..
2	Medicine Hat	246	5	5	4	..	..	1	..	..	1	249	3	..
3	Alberta	79	.	..	..	3	.	2	.	..	1	79	..	..
4	North Star	200	.	.	..	.	.	2	5	..	3	190	..	10
5	*Cascade*	*145*	*1*	..	*1*	2	.	1	4	..	*2*	141	..	4
6	Spitzie	63	4	4	2	..	.	2	2	..	1	62	.	1
7	Edmonton	226	.	..	..	6	4	5	5	.	6	220	.	6
8	Innisfail	68	3	3	3	3	.	..	.	.	2	72	4	..
9	Perfection	303	7	6	6	1	1	5	2	.	5	300	.	3
10	Eureka	105	.	1	1	1	1	4	4	.	1	98	.	7
11	Acacia	174	6	5	6	3	..	3	.	.	3	177	3	.
12	*Red Deer*	*102*	.	..	..	2	2	*1*	*6*	..	.	99	..	3
13	Victoria	53	1	.	..	1	1	1	..	.	2	53	..	..
14	Jasper	135	2	1	1	.	.	8	.	..	2	127	.	8
15	Wetaskiwin	94	.	..	2	3	.	..	..	.	2	95	1	.
16	Mountain View	74	4	3	3	..	.	2	4	..	..	72	.	2
17	Nanton	72	1	1	1	..	.	..	1	..	3	69	.	3
18	Britannia	72	3	3	..	2	3	2	1	.	1	76	4	..
19	Cornerstone	*122*	*4*	*4*	*4*	2	*1*	2	*2*	.	*1*	*124*	*2*	..
20	Carstairs	24	2	2	2	1	.	.	2	.	..	25	1	..
21	King Hiram	61	2	2	1	..	2	.	3	.	1	61	.	..
22	Corinthian	146	5	5	5	1	..	3	1	.	1	147	1	..
23	Calgary	159	1	2	2	3	1	9	..	.	1	154	..	5
24	Vermilion	97	2	2	3	2	.	2	2	.	2	95	..	2
25	St. John's	119	2	3	3	3	.	5	5	..	1	113	.	6
26	Sentinel	58	..	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	54	..	4
27	Apollo	112	1	1	1	1	.	4	7	..	1	102	..	10
28	Ashlar	155	2	2	2	..	.	2	..	..	1	154	..	1
29	Kenilworth	71	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	74	3	..
30	Summit	54	4	4	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	57	3	..
31	Doric	44	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	42	..	2
32	Cairo	71	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	68	..	3
33	Stavely	48	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	1	47	..	1
34	Star of the West	49	4	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	4	..
35	Mizpah	132	6	5	5	1	..	1	7	..	5	126	..	6
36	Gleichen	60	3	1	1	1	2	..	5	.	..	61	1	..
37	Camrose	91	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	1	86	..	5
38	Hope	42	2	1	4	1	1	2	1	..	..	43	1	..
39	Lethbridge	131	..	..	..	3	..	1	2	..	..	131	..	..
40	Joppa	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	42	..	1
41	King Solomon	31	4	2	2	..	3	1	1	..	1	35	4	..
42	Bowden	48	6	6	6	1	..	1	2	..	1	51	3	..
43	*Tuscan*	50	..	..	..	1	..	1	5	..	..	45	..	5
44	Buffalo Park	65	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	60	..	5

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			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimit	N.P.D.	U.M.C.	Died			
45	Ionic	31	..	.	.	..	..	1	..	..	1	29	..	2
46	Palestine	45	.	1	1	1	1	1	.	..	2	44	..	1
47	Chinook	34	..	.	.	..	1	2	3	..	..	30	..	4
48	Crossfield	45	1	1	1	..	..	.	1	..	.	45	.	..
49	Robert Burns	26	..	..	.	1	1	1	.	.	1	26	..	
50	Comet	23	..	..	.	3	..	..	..	..	..	26	3	..
51	Unity	316	7	7	7	1	3	8	3	.	3	313	.	3
53	Strathmore	65	1	1	1	..	.	1	..	.	2	63	.	2
54	Mount Lebanon	183	2	1	1	1		3	4		3	176	.	7
55	Bassano	54	6	5	3	1	2	2		..	..	61	7	.
56	Beaver	61	.	..	.	.	.	1	2		.	58	.	3
57	Grassy Lake	25	..		.	.	1	..	2			24	.	1
58	Chief Mountain	33	.		.		.	4	.	.	.	29	.	4
59	King George	261	3	3	2	2	1	7	9	.	2	249	.	12
60	Acme	41	.	.	.	1	1	3	1		1	38	.	3
61	Provost	36	2	2	2	..	1	.	1		.	38	2	..
62	Coal	35	.	1	1	1		2			.	34	.	1
63	Empire	94	2	2	1	1	.	2	2	.	1	92	.	2
64	Bow Island	56	.	.	.	.		1	.	.	.	55	.	1
65	Diamond City	35			.	.	.	1	.	..	.	34	.	1
66	St. Andrew's	57	2	2	2	2	1	1	..	.		61	4	..
67	Charity	61	.	.	.	1	1	1	.	.	..	62	1	
68	Edson	137	7	7	5	5	.	1	.	.	1	147	10	..
69	Connaught	31	.	..	.	.	..	3		.	.	28	..	3
70	Quarry	34	.	..		.	2	.	2	.	.	34	.	.
71	Tawatinaw	31	2	2	2		1	3	2			29	..	2
72	Coronation	66	.		.	..	2	..	..	.	1	67	1	.
73	Brooks	81	1	1	1	3	..	1	3	.	2	79	.	2
74	Vulcan	89		1	1	1	1	2	6	.	1	82	.	7
75	Harmony	30	1	1	1	1	.	.	..	.	.	32	2	..
76	Fidelity	68	1	1	1	..		3	5	.		61	..	7
77	Strathcona	148		..		..	1	4	2	.	2	141		7
78	Hanna	74	1	2	2	1	1	1	4	.	1	71		3
79	Morning Star	29	4	4	4	1	.		2	..		32	3	..
80	Excelsior	23	.	..		.	.	.	2	..	.	21	..	2
81	Commercial	147	1	..		1	..	2	4	..	1	142	.	5
82	Acadia	41	1	..	.		.	4	..	.	.	38	.	3
83	Zetland	214	5	5	5	7	..	4	.	.	4	218	4	..
84	Champion	38	1	1	..	.	.	..	2	.	.	37	.	1
86	Rocky Mountain	52	1	1	1	.	.	1	1	.	1	50	..	2
87	Crescent	188	3	3	3	1	4	9	.	.	1	186	.	2
88	Wahpun	38	3	3	3	3	..	..	2	..	1	41	3	..
89	Peace River	61	3	6	5	..	1	2	4	..	.	59	.	2

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			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimit	N.P.D.	U.M.C.	Died			
90	Norwood	83	4	..	..	1	1	2				87	4	..
91	Patricia	229	3	3	1	1		9	6	.	3	215	.	14
92	Saskatchewan	101	2	2	1	2	.	1	6	.	1	97	.	4
93	Symbol	147	.	.		2	..	3	3	.	1	142	.	5
94	Lamont	42	3	3	2	1	1	..	.	.	1	46	4	
95	Kitchener	33		.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	32	.	1
96	Dynamic	38		1	1	1	.		2	.	.	37	.	1
97	Albion	39		.		1	.	2	.			38	.	1
98	Hand Hill	43	2	3	3	1	1	3		.	1	43	.	..
100	Verdigris	47	1	1	1	..	2	2	.	.	.	48	1	..
101	West Edmonton	97	5	5	5	2	.		2		1	101	4	.
102	Edgerton	29	.	2	2	1	.				2	28	..	1
103	Foremost	38	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	.	..	39	1	..
104	Oyen	36	1	1	1	.	2	2	.	.	.	37	1	..
105	Grande Prairie	79	2	2	2	1	2	1	1		..	82	3	.
106	Lake Saskatoon	49	1	.	1	..	1	3			1	47	..	2
107	Carbon	53	.	.	.	1	..	3	.			51	.	2
108	Pyramid	28		.	.	1	.		..		1	28	..	..
109	Ancient Landmark	31	.		.	.			.	.		31	..	..
110	Kilwinning	30	1			..	.	1	..	.		30	.	.
111	Nobleford	20	.			.	1		1		1	19	.	1
112	Victory	17		.	.	.	1	1	.	.	1	16	.	1
113	Cyprus	38	2		.	.	..		.	.	1	39	1	.
114	Westlock	59	4	4	4		.	3	.	.	2	58	..	1
115	Crocus	37	..	.		.	.	1	..	.	..	36	..	1
116	Spirit River	53	2	2	1	..	.	.	6		3	46	..	7
117	Dominion	92	7	8	8	1	.	2	1		1	96	4	..
118	St. Mark's	92	3	3	3	.	1	1	3			92	.	..
119	York	91	3	3	3	.	.	2	1			91	.	..
120	Monitor	26	1	.	..	1	1	1	.	.	1	27	1	..
122	Rising Sun	43	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		.	43	..	..
123	Rockyford	47	1	1	1	1	.	2		..	.	47	..	..
124	Concord	112	5	5	5	1	.	1	5	.	1	111	..	1
125	Cavell	26	..	..	.			.	.	.		26	..	..
126	Pembina	30	1	1	1	2	2	3	..	.	1	31	1	..
127	Granite	62	3	3	3	1	.	..	4		..	62	..	..
128	Forestburg	33	1	1	.	..	..	..		.	..	34	1	..
129	Meridian	40	.	..	.	..	..	1	2	.	..	37	.	3
130	Hussar	30	.	..	..	..	..	.		..	..	30	..	..
131	Kitscoty	29	.	.	..	.	..	1	.	..	.	28	.	1
132	Craigmyle	24	.	..	.	..	..	..	..	.	..	24	.	..
133	Manyberries	33	1	1	1	..	2	.	.		.	36	3	..
134	Renfrew	101	2	2	3	..	..	3	4	.	1	95	.	6

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135	Alliance	25	..	.	..	.	..	1	1	.	..	23	..	2
136	Cresset	29	2	1	1	.	.	..	5	.	..	26	..	3
137	Irricana	*48	2	2	2	1	3	3	.	..	.	51	3	.
138	Onoway	19	1	1	1	1		1	.	.	.	20	1	.
139	Melrose	19	.		..	.	.	1	.	.	.	18	..	1
140	Big Valley	32	1		.	.	1	4	..	.	.	30	.	2
141	Efficiency	32	1		..	.	.	1	.	.	.	32	.	.
142	Ivanhoe	162	2	2	2	5	1	4	5	.	2	159	.	3
143	Jasper Park	73	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	.	.	76	3	..
144	Gratton	30	.		.			.	2	.	1	27		3
145	St. Alban's	46	4	4	4	.				.	1	49	3	..
146	Drumheller	59	1	2	2	3		1	1		1	60	1	..
147	Northland	34	3	2	2			1	.	.	1	35	1	.
148	Mayerthorpe	26	1	1	1	..		2		.	1	24	.	2
149	Rosebud	14	.	.	..	.		1	1	.	.	12	.	2
151	Lochearn	56			..	.		5		.	.	51	..	5
152	Standard	21		.	.	.				.	.	21	.	.
153	Whitecourt	31	1	1	1	..	.	1	3	..		28	.	3
154	Waskatenau	17	1		.	.		.	.	.	.	18	1	.
155	Earl Haig	27	1	1	1		1		2	.	.	27	.	.
156	Hythe	24	.		.		1	2			.	23	.	1
157	Sharon	22		.			1	1	1		1	20		2
158	Berry Creek	34	.	.			2	3	.		.	33		1
159	Lucerne	18		.		1		1	..	.		18	..	..
160	Sexsmith	25	1	.	.	.	..	2	.	.		24	.	1
		11055	240	223	212	131	82	255	232		124	10897	124	282

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LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. Stanley Tharp (83)

No. 1	Bow River	Calgary
No 5	Cascade	Banff
No. 9	Perfection	Calgary
No 23	Calgary	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen	Gleichen
No. 41	King Solomon	Cochrane
No. 48	Crossfield	Crossfield
No. 53	Strathmore	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon	Calgary
No. 59	King George	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's	Calgary
No. 124	Concord	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Hugh J. Scott (57)

No. 2	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks	Brooks
No. 133	Manyberries	Manyberries

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Lorne M. Muir (7)

No. 7	Edmonton	Edmonton
No. 15	Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin
No. 34	Star of the West	Leduc
No. 51	Unity	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson	Edson
No. 81	Commercial	Edmonton
No. 129	Meridian	Stony Plain
No. 143	Jasper Park	Jasper

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M.. R. W. Bro. Dr. Wm. A. Henry (10)

No. 8	Innisfail	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View	Olds
No. 18	Britannia	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden	Bowden
No. 95	Kitchener	Rimbey
No. 151	Lochearn	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Oscar McCune (79)

No. 37	Camrose	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan	Killam
No. 50	Comet	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost	Provost
No. 62	Coal	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance.	Alliance.
No. 139	Melrose	Daysland
No. 141	Efficiency	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Chas. F. Forckel (22)

No. 17	Nanton	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone	High River
No. 22	Corinthian	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Archibald M. Fisher (119)

No. 4	North Star	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge	Lethbridge
No. 65	Diamond City	Coalhurst
No. 67	Charity	Lethbridge
No. 100	Verdigris	Milk River
No. 103	Foremost	Foremost
No. 119	York	Lethbridge
No. 157	Sharon	Iron Springs
No. 159	Lucerne	Vauxhall

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Jas. O. C. McDonald (30)

No. 3	Alberta	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie	Pincher Creek
No. 26	Sentinel	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook	Cowley
No. 58	Chief Mountain	Cardston
No. 86	Rocky Mountain	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. David Drinnan (122)

No. 27	Apollo	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic	Alix
No. 56	Beaver	Castor
No. 72	Coronation	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor	Monitor
No. 122	Rising Sun	Gadsby
No. 140	Big Valley	Big Valley

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Francis J. Pyle (63)

No. 11	Acacia	Edmonton
No. 13	Victoria	Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24	Vermilion	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope	Mannville
No. 63	Empire	Edmonton
No. 90	Norwood	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning	Innisfree
No. 117	Dominion	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty	Kitscoty
No. 145	St. Alban's	St. Paul
No. 154	Waskatenau	Waskatenau

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Ross J. Wilderman (127)

No. 49	Robert Burns	Carmangay
No. 74	Vulcan	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset	Barons.

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Dr. Morton A. McIntyre (92)

No. 14	Jasper	Edmonton
No. 71	Tawatinaw	Athabasca
No. 77	Strathcona	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton	Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina	Sangudo
No. 138	Onoway	Onoway
No. 142	Ivanhoe	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe	Mayerthorpe
No. 153	Whitecourt	Whitecourt
No. 155	Earl Haig	Barrhead

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Robt. E. Campbell (106)

No. 88	Wahpun	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland	Fairview
No. 156	Hythe	Hythe
No. 160	Sexsmith	Sexsmith

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. B. Dunlop (98)

No. 78	Hanna	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia	Youngstown
No. 98	Hand Hill	Delia
No. 104	Oyen	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus	Chinook
No. 132	Craigmyle	Craigmyle
No. 158	Berry Creek	Pollockville

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G M.—R. W. Bro. Eugene A. Roach (66)

No. 60	Acme	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity	Bashaw
No. 109	Ancient Landmark	Mirror
No. 113	Cyprus	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana	Irricana

DISTRICT No. 16

D.D.G.M. - R. W. Bro. Ernest A. Wagler (152)

No. 93	Symbol	Drumheller
No. 107	Carbon	Carbon
No. 123	Rockyford	Rockyford
No. 130	Hussar	Hussar
No. 146	Drumheller	Drumheller
No. 149	Rosebud	Rosebud
No. 152	Standard	Standard

DISTRICT No. 17

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro Geo H. Shieman (96)

No. 44	Buffalo Park	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine	Tofield
No. 69	Connaught	Viking
No. 96	Dynamic	Holden
No. 97	Albion	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton	Edgerton
No. 112	Victory	Jarrow
No. 144	Gratton	Irma

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS
Approved by Grand Lodge

1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?

   Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.

2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?

   Answer: The Constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.
   Proceedings, 1916.

3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?

   Answer: Yes: Proceedings, 1916.

4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the Order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?

   Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.
   Proceedings, 1916.

5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?

   Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.

6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?

   Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the PastMaster's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be. The brother can only rank as Past Master after having been elected to and faithfully performed the duties of Master of a Craft lodge.
   Proceedings, 1916.

7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?

   Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.
   Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.

9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.

10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.

11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the Craft. Proceedings, 1922.

12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.

13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.

14 Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimits by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances.

Proceedings, 1925.

15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.

16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the Constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the Constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken.

Proceedings, 1925.

17. Question: Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?

Answer: A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our Constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.

18. Question: What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?

Answer: All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.

19. Question: May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?

Answer: No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.

20. Question: Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?

Answer: Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.

21. Question: Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1925.

22. Question: Can a Worshipful Master order a regularly put and carried resolution to be expunged from the minute book without a further resolution giving consent of his lodge?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1929.

23. Question: Can a lodge ballot on a petitioner without his name and other particulars being first spread on the lodge notice?

Answer: No, regardless of any necessity for speedy action. Proceedings, 1929.

24. Question: Can a member of a lodge be disciplined for continuously absenting himself from his lodge meetings?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

25. Question: Re notice of motion, if brother giving notice is absent, may any other brother present the motion?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.

26. Question: Re notice of motion, in case no other brother wishes to present the motion, can matter be laid over until the following regular meeting?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

27. Question: Re notice of motion, can matter be brought up again without new notice of motion?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

28. Question: Has a Past Master who has been made an Honorary Member of his lodge the right to vote in his lodge?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.

29. Question: Can a lodge receive and act on an application of a candidate of foreign birth, who does not understand our language?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

30. Question: Can a candidate, who has received the first degree, be passed and raised in any other Rite than that in which he was initiated?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

31. Question Can an application be received from one who has been absent from the jurisdiction for two years, during the whole of which time he was taking post graduate courses, always with the intention of returning to his position and his home. In the two years he has not been resident in any Grand Jurisdiction long enough to qualify as an applicant?
Answer: Yes. He has not acquired legal residence in any other jurisdiction, and having returned home to resume the practise of his profession, should not be regarded as having lost his standing as a resident. Proceedings, 1932.

32. Question: Is an honorary member, not previously a regular member of the lodge, entitled to vote in Lodge matters?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1933.

33. Question: Is a brother who is a Warden in one lodge and a member in another, eligible for the office of Master in the other lodge?
Answer: No. He could not hold the office of Master in both lodges at the same time. Proceedings, 1934.

34. Question: Can a lodge charge a candidate with a physical defect the fee charged by Grand Lodge for a dispensation in addition to the regular initiation fee?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.

35. Question: Can a lodge use a loose-leaf binder for the permanent record of the minutes in typewritten form?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1934.

36. Question: In the case of a number of lodges using the same lodge room, may the lodge charters be hung permanently in the lounge room adjoining the lodge room?

Answer: No. The charter must be present in the lodge room when the lodge is meeting. Proceedings, 1934.

37. Question: Can a lodge hall be dedicated to Masonry when it is used by other organizations for purposes other than Masonic?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.

38. Question: Would the acceptance of promissory notes by a lodge, on account of dues owing by members, entitle said members to up-to-date receipts?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1935. Such notes did not in themselves pay the debt and entitle the brethren to up-to-date receipts, and that only final settlement of the notes would entitle them to such receipts.

39. Question: Is it necessary that nominations should be submitted for the office of Master or other elective offices of the lodge?

Answer: No. The election of officers of a lodge shall be annually by ballot, whether nominations are made or not. Proceedings, 1936.

40. Question: Is it necessary that notice of motion be given to confer life membership for distinguished services rendered?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1936.

41. Question: On the re-election of a Master of a lodge, is it necessary that the ceremony of installation be conducted irrespective of he having already been installed?

Answer: Yes, but the Installed Master's work need not be repeated in full. Proceedings, 1936.

42. Question: Can a lodge receive and act upon a petition for initiation from an unmarried applicant living without the jurisdiction although his parents' home is located within the territory of the lodge?

Answer: No. Such applicant's residence was where he lived, worked and exercised his franchise. Proceedings, 1936.

43. Question: What is the standing of a brother who has been installed Worshipful Master of a lodge and who has only occupied the Master's chair for a period of six months?

Answer: His rank is an Installed Master and as such can at the request of the Senior Warden, occupy the Master's chair and confer degrees, but this in no way constitutes a fulfillment of the constitutional requirements to rank as a Past Master, nor is he more than Acting Master. Proceedings, 1937.

44. In the case of a travelling salesman who had not lived continuously in one place long enough to qualify for membership, ruled that the place from which he worked and from which he received his regular mail should be considered as his place of residence, which was within the jurisdiction of the lodge. Proceedings, 1937.

45. Ruled in the case of an Entered Apprentice who had been initiated in the Canadian Working in this jurisdiction and removed to the United States before being passed, and who had no intention of returning to Alberta, that he could receive his second and third degrees, on the usual request being made, in a different Working. Proceedings, 1937.

46. Question: Can a temporary honorary membership be granted to an unaffiliated brother?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1937.

47. Question: Can the regular business of a lodge be conducted at a meeting called for the celebration of the Feast of St. John and the Installation of officers?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1937.

48. Ruled, that a lodge having paid the $5.00 registration fee for an Honorary Member who hailed from another Grand Jurisdiction, but who resides within the jurisdiction of the lodge, is not required to pay semi-annual dues to Grand Lodge for such member. Proceedings, 1938.

49. A lodge having spread on its summons for a regular meeting a notice stating that no regular meetings be held in two consecutive months, it was ruled that such motion was not in order, the charter having stated the regular meetings of the lodge. (If a lodge fails to hold its regular monthly meeting it is simply a default.) Proceedings, 1938.

50. Question: Can a lodge by by-law or otherwise fix the fee for initiation or affiliation to include the regular lodge dues for the current year, or one year from the date of membership?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1938.

51. Ruled, that a lodge could not give a discount on dues if paid before a certain date, without amending their By-laws to permit this. Proceedings, 1938.

52. A lodge cannot postpone or adjourn a meeting. Therefore it was ruled that a lodge in postponing its regular meeting to a subsequent date and calling it an adjourned meeting, transacting business which can only be done at a regular meeting was in error, and the business done at such meeting must be confirmed at the next regular meeting and the minutes of the previous regular meeting again read and confirmed.

53. Question: Can the suspension of a member be cancelled from the records on his reinstatement?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.

54. Question: Is a brother who was elected and installed Master of the lodge, but who following installation left the jurisdiction and never acted as the Master of the lodge, entitled to the rank of Past Master after the twelve months' term?

Answer: Yes. No objection being raised by his lodge to his continuance in office, under the circumstances he is entitled to the rank of Past Master on the election and installation of his successor. Proceedings, 1939.

55. Ruled, that a regular meeting of a lodge at which none of the principal officers were present was irregular and any business transacted was null and void, the business done to be reintroduced and dealt with at the next regular meeting. Proceedings, 1939.

56. Ruled, that a candidate for initiation who by the nature of his employment was absent from his home for six months of the twelve preceding his application, should be regarded as a resident where his established home was situated and the lodge could receive his application. Proceedings, 1939.

57. Question: Can a lodge join, as such, a Masonic Association in another Grand Jurisdiction, over which the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Alberta has no authority?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.

Copy of the Letter

Conveying the Gracious and Fraternal Message of

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN,
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF THE
UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND,

to the Brethren of each of the Grand Jurisdictions
in the Dominion of Canada

on the occasion of the Visit of the Deputations
from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland
and which was delivered by

R. W. Bro. General Sir Francis Davies, Deputy Grand Master,

to

R. W. Bro. George Moore, D.G.M.
on the Visit of
the Deputations to the Grand Lodge of Alberta
at Calgary, July 28th, 1938

United Grand Lodge of England.
Freemasons' Hall,
Gt. Queen Street, London, W.C.2.

June 17th, 1938.

Dear Deputy Grand Master,

As you will shortly be leaving England to lead the Deputation I am sending to Canada, I desire to express my deep interest in the mission you are undertaking on behalf of the United Grand Lodge of England.

I ask you to convey to my Brethren in all the Jurisdictions my warm fraternal greetings, and my wish for their prosperity and happiness. My special association with the Canadian people will ever remain a happy memory and I know that the visit of my deputation will bring even closer together all those who are now united by the ties of our Brotherhood.

Yours fraternally,
(Signed) ARTHUR
Grand Master.

R.W.Bro.
General Sir Francis J. Davies, K.C.B.,K.C.M.G.,K.C.V.O.,V.L.
Deputy Grand Master

RULES FOR RECOGNITION OF ANOTHER GRAND BODY

By the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada:

Fraternal recognition of a Grand Body may be granted when it appears to the Committee on Foreign Relations that recognition should be granted and the recommendation of the Committee has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in Annual Communication.

The finding and recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations shall be based on the following prerequisites:

That the Grand Body seeking recognition:

1. Shall have been lawfully established by three or more regularly constituted lodges, by this Grand Lodge, or by a Grand Body recognized by this Grand Lodge.

2. Shall have sovereign territorial jurisdiction or if territorial jurisdiction be shared with another Body or Bodies then by mutual consent and prohibition or encroachment of occupied territory.

3. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in the Supreme Being, God the G.A.O.T.U.

4. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in a life hereafter.

5. Shall require the open V.O.T.S.L. to be indispensably present in the lodge while at work. By the V.O.T.S.L. is meant the revelation from beyond which is binding on the particular individual who is being initiated.

6. Shall make Masons of men only.

7. Shall accept as fundamental:
   (a) Secrecy.
   (b) The division of Craft or Symbolic Masonry into the three accepted degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.
   (c) The Legend of the Third Degree.
   (b) The Symbolism of the operative art.

8. Shall accept as its dominant purposes the practice of benevolence, charity and education.

9. Shall strictly prohibit controversial political and sectarian religious discussions within its lodges.

10. Shall adhere in practice and principle to the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft.

LIST OF GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS FOR 1938 REVIEWED

1. Alabama
2. Arizona
3. British Columbia
4. California
5. Canada in Ontario
6. Colorado
7. Connecticut
8. Delaware
9. Dist. of Columbia
10. England
11. Florida
12. Georgia
13. Idaho
14. Illinois
15. Indiana
16. Iowa
17. Ireland
18. Kansas
19. Kentucky
20. Louisiana
21. Maine
22. Manitoba
23. Maryland
24. Mexico (York)
25. Michigan
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38. North Carolina
39. North Dakota
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41. Ohio
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45. Philippine Islands
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47. Quebec
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49. Rhode Island
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54. South Dakota
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REPORT

of the

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

A. M. Mitchell, P.G.M., Chairman

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

To a correspondent of any considerable length of service there must be, of necessity, a certain sameness in the Proceedings and reviews thereof which pass before him in a year. Nevertheless, each year's has some definite keynote and 1938-39 seems to have two.

International affairs affecting Masons as individuals are reflected in so serious and unusual a step as that taken by the three oldest Grand Lodges, Scotland, Ireland and the United Grand Lodge of England when it was deemed necessary to publish a joint statement of Masonic Principles among the brethren and the public. That statement appeared in our own Grand Lodge Bulletin for October 1938, but for those who may read these lines and who did not see the former publication, the statement, in part, appears below:

"The first condition of admission into, and membership of, the Order is a belief in the Supreme Being.

".....every one who enters Freemasonry is, at the outset, strictly forbidden to countenance any act which may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; he must pay due obedience to the law of any state in which he resides or which may afford him protection, and he must never be remiss in the allegiance due to the Sovereign of his native land. While English Freemasonry thus inculcates in each of its members the duties of loyalty and citizenship, it reserves to the individual the right to hold his own opinion with regard to public affairs. But neither in any lodge, nor at any time in his capacity as a Freemason, is he permitted to discuss or to advance his views on theological or political questions.

"The Grand Lodge has always consistently refused to express any opinion on questions of foreign or domestic state policy either at home or abroad, and it will not allow its name to be associated with any action, however humanitarian it may appear to be, which infringes its unalterable policy of standing aloof from every question affecting the relations between one Government and another, or between political parties or questions as to rival theories of government.

"The Grand Lodge is aware that there do exist bodies, styling themselves Freemasons, which do not adhere to these principles, and while that attitude exists, the Grand Lodge of England refuses absolutely to have any relations with such bodies, or to regard them as Freemasons."

The statement concludes with the assurance that Grand Lodge will enter into no discussion with a view to a new or varied interpretation

of the basic principles of Freemasonry. They must be accepted and practised wholeheartedly by those who desire to be recognized as Freemasons.

The lights have gone out in the two Grand Lodges of Czechoslovakia, in which unhappy country the National Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the Three Rings have been closed.

In North America there is a new note of optimism evident in most of the Proceedings reviewed. Losses in membership shrink, more applicants appear and on the whole it seems that the influx of material absorbed in the boom years has been finally digested or rejected to the greater comfort of the Body Masonic.

In the words of an Australian reviewer "the truly Gilbertian situation of being punished by Masonic law for doing what the public law permits" exists in these United States and continues to give Code Makers, Jurisprudence Committees and Grand Masters a grievous and continuing headache.

There seems to be a rising tide of protest against extraneous Orders predicated upon membership in Freemasonry, largely because these Orders have repeatedly broken the canons of good taste and brought Masonry into disrepute. In certain jurisdictions too much latitude is allowed and when Freemasonry, like every other organization, is on trial, too much care cannot be exercised in the preservation of our time-honored name and reputation.

Masonic Education continues to exercise the minds and pockets of many a Grand Lodge. Opinions vary, from the terse and wholly admirable candor of Vermont, whose Committee reports thus: "Your Committee has held no meetings during the year and this statement of fact constitutes their report," to the fervor of Iowa, whose Grand Master asserts: "If our Craft is to go forward, if Freemasonry is to reach down into our hearts and grip us, if we are to reflect in our daily lives those principles for which Freemasonry stands and must stand, then we must know more about it, we must obtain a wider knowledge of its history, its symbolism, its ritual, its ethics, and its philosophy."

In Canada Freemasonry has completed two centuries of activity and Nova Scotia proudly records the act.

The death of Bro. McCune of Ohio, Alberta's faithful Grand Representative for many years is noted with deep regret.

During the year, to meet the expressed wishes of the small group which had been carrying on the work of reviewing the proceedings the Committee was recast and the thanks of Grand Lodge and of the Chairman of this Committee are due the following brethren who have so ably contributed:

M. W. Bro. John Martland
M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis
M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman
M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop
R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland
R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell
R. W. Bro. Wm. Dayman
R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone
R W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell

R. W. Bro. Wm. Betts
R. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith
V. W. Bro. W. R. Davis
W. Bro. S. G. Bannan

The report can be closed in no better way than in echoing the closing remark of our Brother Reviewer, M. W. Bro. Ernest R. Moore, P.G.M., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa:

"The weary reviewer, at times bored with platitudes and sameness, finds full recompense in the manifest sincerity, the uniform desire to accomplish good, and in the renewed conviction that Masonry is a living, moral force that has maintained and will maintain a large place in our moral, intellectual and religious life."

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,
Chairman

ALABAMA

One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Communication held at Montgomery, December 6th and 7th, 1938. M. W. Bro. Samuel B. Adams, Grand Master, presiding.

Alberta represented by Bro. Charles A. L. Johnstone, Grand Representative.

The Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of Mississippi and Louisiana with several other distinguished brethren were honored visitors.

The report of the Grand Master contains, as it should, informaton which is of primary importance to his own brethren. We note he is somewhat concerned regarding finances of the Masonic Home. We are sore afraid that with the trend toward public responsibility for the indigent and unfortunate, many Masonic Home projects will find themselves struggling in the uncertain sea of upkeep and shrinking revenue.

A comment in his closing remarks, it seems to us, will fit anywhere:

"After having visited in various sections of the State, I have come to the conclusion that what is most needed in some sections, or rather some lodges, is leadership. We need men whom the lust of office cannot buy, and by their actions will enthuse, uplift and enthrall until others can catch the spirit and become enthusiastic Masons."

The liquor question bobs up again in a strong protest of Grand Lodge against the location of a State liquor store in the vicinity of the Temple of this Grand Lodge. Those responsible for introducing this "landmark" into the body of Masonry in these United States, and without for a moment presuming to debate the right or wrong of it, have certainly provided many a headache for Grand Masters in almost every State in the Union.

Only seven days after his re-election as Grand Master for a second erm, M. W. Bro. Adams was taken by death. His brethren mourn.

Complete tables of statistics complete a brief report and there is no section devoted to Fraternal Correspondence.

Next Communication, Montgomery, December 5th, 1939.

M. W. Grand Master—Vacant by Death.
R. W. Grand Secretary—Guy T. Smith, Montgomery.
Membership, 27,575. Lodges, 446. Loss, 612.

A.M.M.

ARIZONA

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona began its Fifty-sixth Annual Communication on Wednesday, April 6th, 1938, at 10:00 a.m. The Grand Lodge was opened in due form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Bro. The Very Rev. James Rockwood Jenkins.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Arizona is a very attractive publication. A somewhat unusual feature is that a number of illustrations are used to lend variety. Alberta was represented by Bro. Alexander McDonald, and also received favorable mention in the reviews contained in the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence

Our sister Grand Jursidiction of Arizona suffered a great loss during 1937 by the death of the Grand Orator, Bro. Clyde Taylor. A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held on December 30th, 1937, the program of which was a memorial service. The following sentence culled from the eulogy delivered on that occasion might well be accepted as the most flattering epitaph that anyone could desire: "His biography may be summarized in a single sentence: A. C. Taylor was a good citizen. Consider his erect and eager life from any angle and you find him making a definite contribution to the welfare of the community."

At the Annual Communication a fine address on the American Constitution was delivered by Bro. James R. Malott. While much of it is of peculiar interest to the brethren of the United States one extract which appears below is of universal application:

"Freemasonry still has faith in humanity. An organization based on the theory of the brotherhood of man, justice to all without distinction, and equality as symbolized by the level, whose whole purpose is the development of the individual to fit him to take the place in the fight for the development of mankind as a whole, cannot but have faith in humanity. At a time when peoples all over the world have lost faith in themselves and turned to the dictator to lead them from chaos, let us awaken to the realization that Masonry has a mission to perform in the twentieth century as important as that which it performed in the eighteenth century. We must not forget that because of the achievements of our forefathers in the past, a large part of the general public regards this fraternity as a powerful safeguard to the liberties of mankind."

The address of the Grand Master indicates that not only has Masonry in Arizona a vigorous life but also that it has competent

leadership from brethren who have a firm grip on the essentials of Masonic philosophy and teaching. The whole address is much worth reading, but in the limitations of a review only one quotation can be offered, which is as follows:

"I am convinced that there is nothing the matter with Masonry here, or anywhere in this country. It can be made to truly serve its votaries in spite of the fast tempo and complexities of present day living, in spite of the many counter-attractions. Masonry, when properly administered, to carefully selected applicants, through the medium of wholesome preparation, impressive ritualistic initiation, consistent and wisely planned education, can and will have a permanent and salutary effect both upon the body and soul of the novitiate.

"It is my belief that the fault, if any, is more with the leadership than with the rank and file. I realize very well that this leadership, often too soon called to some high place of responsibility, cannot give all their time to the thinking and planning of Lodge work. I believe, therefore, that we should bring the Grand Lodge nearer to the subordinate Lodges, to have it do more for them by way of supplying leadership, or at least supplying aid to leadership."

It is interesting that following the remark quoted above the Grand Master recommended that Arizona adopt the plan of using District Deputy Grand Masters.

Our brethren in Arizona have just been going through an experience similar to our own in Alberta of a year or two ago. They have just completed a revision of their Constitution.

Under the heading of "objectives" the Grand Master asks in his address, "What is Masonry doing in my Jurisdiction?", and concludes this section with the following recommendation: "I recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee to make a survey of what our Fraternity could do in this State. I have thought that the establishment of scholarships in our University Teachers' Colleges for the study of the science of government, looking toward improvement in tax matters, and related fields, would be worthy of consideration. I leave the subject for your decision."

The Fifty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona will be holden in the City of Douglas, Arizona, commencing on Wednesday, the 29th of March, 1939, at 10 o'clock a.m.

A.E.O.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Proceedings contain an account of the Constitution and Consecration of Peace Lodge No. 126 at Dawson Creek, B.C., being an Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge held on August 24th, 1937. The Acting Grand Master was R. W. Bro. William Grant of Wembley, Alberta. The Grand Director of Ceremonies was Alberta's Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. Sam Harris of High Prairie. This lodge in B.C. is situated across the border from Hythe Lodge in Alberta. The minutes of the meeting are most interesting to all in the Peace River District as well as elsewhere throughout Alberta.

An Emergent Communication was held at Trail for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple at that point.

At this communication M. W. Bro. J. H. Schofield (1915) who contributed so much to Masonry in past years in the interior, was an interested spectator from an automobile. He was unable on account of illness to take part in the proceedings.

The Sixth-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was held in the City of Nelson on the 23rd June, 1938. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. S. Henderson, presided with eight Past Grand Masters in the Grand East.

The Grand Representative of Alberta was not in attendance.

M. W. Bro. Melvin M. Downey, Past Grand Master of Alberta, was a visitor and accorded Grand Honors. Bro. Downey was initiated in Nelson Lodge No. 23.

The Grand Chaplain, V. W. Bro. Wm. G. Kitchen, delivered a very fine address on "Some Implications of our Masonic Faith."

During the year M. W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith resigned as Grand Secretary and M. W. Bro. Frank S. McKee was appointed to fill the vacancy.

We were pleased to see that R. W. Bro. Charles E. Blaney had been appointed Grand Representative of Victoria. Bro. Blaney is favorably known in Alberta.

Alberta mourns with British Columbia in the deaths of two prominent Craftsmen, M. W. Bros. John Shaw and E. B. Paul.

A Ruling was given that a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star could not occupy a dedicated lodge room. We find no fault with that ruling.

The D.D.G.M.'s report of District No. 14 covers over sixteen pages, but he supplied Grand Lodge with much information. We commend the reading of this report as well as those of Districts 13 and 16 to brethren in Alberta who wish information on conditions in Vancouver.

One would be remiss in this review if he did not express appreciation of the work of the Grand Historian. His report covers thirty-six pages, supplies information of the early history of the formation of Grand Lodge, and biographical sketches of Masons who have contributed so much to B.C. Masonry. Included in the Historian's Report are write-ups of various Lodges and Districts. We were particularly interested in the formation of North Star Lodge No. 30, at Fort Steele, by W. Bro. J. R. Blumenauer. Much of this would be interesting to Alberta brethren living in the Crows Nest Pass District.

From the Grand Master's Report we excerpt:

"It was my privilege and pleasure to present to M. W. Bro. F. J. Burd in the name of Acacia Lodge No. 22, a life size portrait of himself. None more worthy of honorable recognition than this outstanding Craftsman, who has given such signal service to Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction."

W. Bro. Karl P. Warwick of Mount Hermon Lodge No. 7 writes the Review. He criticizes a ruling of Alberta's Grand Master. His Review is kindly and courteous.

M. W. Bro. C. M. Kingston—Grand Master.
M. W. Bro. Frank S. McKee—Grand Secretary.
119 Lodges. 13,627 Members. Decrease, 101.

M.M.D.

CALIFORNIA

The Eighty-ninth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of California was held in the City of San Francisco on Tuesday, October 11th, 1938 with M. W. Bro. Jas. T. Fraser, Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Master in his address calls attention to the "disregard of the principles of Masonry and the good name of our institution to be found in the so-called Masonic publications." He suggested an amendment to the Constitution that would bring such publications under the supervision of Grand Lodge that would enable that Body to take action to suppress such literature and punish those responsible.

The lottery and gambling means of raising money for so-called Masonic organizations also comes in for some criticism. He says, "We have altogether too many parasites attached to the body of Masonry. They are a detriment to our institution; they retard our growth, and they are contaminating the life stream of our institution. They should all be abolished."

Praise for the excellent work of the several Boards of Relief is extended by the Grand Master. This is as it should be for only those connected with such work can appreciate the amount of time and labor so freely given to assist those in need of assistance.

The Grand Master visited the Bi-centenary of the establishing of Masonry in Nova Scotia held at Halifax and gives a very fine account of the doings and speaks very highly of the reception accorded.

We are all aware that San Francisco is this year holding a World's Fair and the Grand Master suggests that an Information Bureau should be established for the use of Masons and their families.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that the net loss in membership for 1938 amounted to 182 which is a considerable improvement over the previous three years and compares very favorably with other Grand Jurisdictions. He also refers to the Social Security and Unemployment Tax to which the lodges are compelled to contribute under a Federal Internal Ruling. So far in Canada we have been free from such legislation, our bonds and interest earning securities up to the present being free from taxation.

The Grand Lecturer tells us that "generally speaking the lodges of the Jurisdiction are functioning smoothly and harmoniously. Petitions in many lodges have been plentiful and this has caused greater activity. When a lodge officer talks about work he usually means conferring degrees and when there is no candidate to confer degrees upon he believes there is nothing else of importance to do and the lodge room remains dark." The ritual is the foundation upon which Masonry stands but to expect the ritual to carry the entire load is to place a burden upon it that it cannot bear, and so many suggestions have been put forth by Grand Lodge towards Masonic Education and where it has been put into practice it had paid dividends in greater interest and attendance.

California has a Committee on Masonic History whose duty it is to gather and preserve the History of the Grand Lodge and the report presented to this Session is a very interesting document indeed.

Among the activities of this Grand Lodge is the operation and maintenance of two Masonic Clubs, one at Berkley and the other at Los Angeles, both of which incur an expenditure of approximately $8,000.00 each.

A very interesting report on "Clandestine Masonry" appears in the proceedings and makes very instructive reading, especially that referring to the "Colored" Grand Lodges which appear to be on "relations as close as same could be without recognition and apparently that relationship is satisfactory to both sides."

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Jesse M. Whited and takes the form of a topical review, but we regret to note that Alberta was apparently not received in time to be included. A very wide range of subjects are discussed and altogether makes good reading.

M. W. Grand Master—Leon O. Whitsell.

V. W. Grand Secretary—John Whicher.

W.I.

CANADA IN ONTARIO

The Eighty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (Ontario) was held in the City of Toronto on 20th June 1938, with M. W. Bro. W. J. Dunlop on the Throne.

Six Past Grand Masters graced the Grand East.

The Grand Representative of Alberta was not present.

M. W. Bro. Archibald West, the Grand Master of Alberta, accompanied by M. W. Bro. J. Martland, were received.

It is of interest to note that the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was this year celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Inception of Masonry in Canada, and the Grand Lodge in Ontario along with the other Grand Lodges in Canada was privileged to have as guests a number of the brethren who had come from the British Isles for the Nova Scotia celebration.

Distinguished Visitors were also in attendance from Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, British Columbia, Massachusetts, Ohio, South Dakota, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina.

Grand Lodge was welcomed to the City of Toronto by Bro. Ralph Day, the Mayor. To the delegates from England, Scotland and Ireland he said:

"To those representatives from the Old Land, I give assurance that notwithstanding some superficial appearance, the sentiment of Canada is definitely British, and one of loyalty to our beloved Monarch, whom we are proud to cherish as a Brother Mason."

From the Grand Master's address where he makes reference to Democracy and Canadian Unity we excerpt as follows:

"It may be that Masonry has come to the kingdom for such a time as this. If the Masons belonging to our different Grand Lodges

will take the lead, each in his own circle, in promoting cohesion, in developing unity, in setting aside personal and selfish differences, and in producing the true Masonic spirit, the influence of Masonry will be so great, so positive, that its contribution to the cause of national union will be incalculable. Until recent years democracy was taken for granted; it was assumed that almost everyone favored democracy, national freedom and personal liberty. But now democracy is a priceless treasure to be guarded with the utmost care; a cause to be worked for—and perhaps to be fought for; a crusade in which all real patriots must enlist; a high adventure which beckons to old and young. . . .

"And, be it remembered, every Mason holds the reputation of the Craft in his own individual hands. His friends and acquaintances judge Masonry by his life and his actions. The Mason who falls drags Masonry down with him in the estimation of those who know him. This is a sobering thought and a strengthening truth. A man resists temptation better if he realizes that the disastrous consequences of yielding affect many others and affect the whole institution."

On the subject of Unpaid Dues we again quote:

"A lodge is, in very truth, a place from which no brother should stay away because he is unemployed or because he is unable to pay his dues. It is just when he is in that unhappy condition that he should seek to find respite at the meetings of his lodge. And brethren who are prospering and who are employed should see to it that no brother stays away from lodge because conditions are against him."

The Grand Master spent two weeks in the Algoma District and in that time addressed some thirty meetings. Ontario is fortunate in having a Grand Master of such marked ability and the leisure in certain parts of the year to devote to the lodges scattered throughout New Ontario.

In regard to organizations which claim to be allied to Masonry we excerpt from the Report of the Committee on Grand Master's Address:

"Your committee regrets to learn that there are still some lodges which have failed to heed the warnings of former Grand Masters in respect to their apparent recognition of other organizations in no way related to our Order but which, in practice, admit only Masons to certain official positions in their Order. In the opinion of your committee it would be difficult for any Mason to justify his acceptance of an office or membership in any organization, not even remotely allied to Freemasonry, which makes his membership in their Order a prerequisite to his admission. The frequency of the requests that such an organization be permitted to hold its meetings in our Lodge rooms or some portion of the Lodge premises emphasizes an apparent desire to proclaim to the world at large that they are an off-shoot of or in some way allied to Freemasonry. The slightest recognition of such attempts to parade under our banner may rightly be regarded as a violation of the landmarks of Masonry and dealt with accordingly. It is to be hoped that these misguided brethren will accept the admonition of the Grand Master in the kindly spirit in which it is given and desist from giving further offense."

The following statistics give concern to Grand Lodge Officials:

4,820 were initiated in three years.
4,044 dimits were issued in three years.
8,690 were suspended in three years.
1,559 affiliated.

The question of an affiliation fee was raised. It was felt in some quarters that there should be no higher fee than what was actually required to pay the necessary cost. Yet many lodges take this method of guarding the portals.

$233,150.00 was expended for Benevolent Purposes.

The total number of delegates registered was 2,806 with a total vote of 3,496.

Alberta is very liberally and courteously reviewed by M. W. Bro. William N. Ponton. The Proceedings of Canada (Ontario) which contain this review is one of the most interesting volumes which is received throughout the year.

M. W. Bro. W. J. Dunlop—Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. E. G. Dixon—Grand Secretary.
568 Lodges. 97,158 Members. Decrease, 1,575.

M.M.D.

COLORADO

Seventy-eighth Annual Communication, Denver, September 20th and 21st, 1938.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form in the Cathedral of Colorado Consistory No. 1 by the M. W. Grand Master, Harry L. Baum. Representatives of all chartered lodges of the jurisdiction were present.

Bro. John H. Beaty, Alberta's Grand Representative, did not answer Roll Call.

In addition to the seventeen Past Grand Masters welcomed and seated in the Grand East, the Grand Master welcomed distinguished brethren from Nebraska, Wyoming and New Mexico, along with three representing Regular Masonic Bodies in the State of Colorado. One of the latter is singled out by the Grand Master for special honor, Stanley C. Warner, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Colorado. He has been fifty-one years a Mason and has served the Grand Lodge of Colorado as a member of Appeals and Grievance Committee four years, on its Finance Committee five years, and on its Foreign Correspondence Committee twenty-two years, twenty-one of these as Chairman. He is now well over the Three Score and Ten Span of Life and thinks it is high time he graduated. As the Grand Master truly says, "Service such as this deserves recognition" and he introduced this resolution and moved its adoption: "Resolved, that Stanley Clark Warner be made a permanent member of this Grand Lodge." It seems needless to add that such a resolution was carried unanimously in a tumultuous manner.

In replying, Bro. Warner in his modest way remarks: "I had some opportunity for Masonic work with my Brethren, during my early years in CANADA and I formed my first Masonic principles there." And in concluding his remarks he says: "Yes, and to each and every one of you my message is, to Carry On." One feels like adding, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

The Address of the Grand Master covers twenty-four pages of the Proceedings and one is pleased to note that he tempered diligence with mercy, for as he remarks: "Most of my official acts would be of little present interest, and I have, therefore, listed them separately and they will not be read." (Other Grand Masters please copy.)

We take this from the Grand Master's reference to Masonic Education: "If there has ever been a time in the history of mankind when Masonic education was needed, it is the present. Few indeed of the Craft really know all that it stands for, few are sufficiently inbued with the ideas and ideals of Freemasonry. On that, and on the extent to which those ideals are dissemminated throughout the length and breadth of this land and indeed, of the world, and made a part of the thinking of the masses of the people thereof, depends the salvation of civilization as we know it. This is not idle verbiage my Brethren. Men will do more for an ideal than when actuated by any other influence, and this fact is well understood by those who strive to mould the peoples of the earth to their own selfish and violent purposes. Freemasonry stands for those things which are essential to the future of the races of men which are fundamental to sustained progress and to human happiness."

In his reference to the working of the second part of the third degree, the Grand Master deplores the amount of extraneous action, roughness and monkey shines which are used and the over dramatization of the work which seriously detracts from that Dignity and Impressiveness which is the keynote of the Masonic Ritual, and in order to accomplish reforms which are sorely needed, requests that on the adoption of this part of his report, it shall be made mandatory upon all lodges to adhere strictly, in letter and spirit, to the requirements of the Ritual as adopted by this Grand Lodge, and to refrain from all interpolated action outside the intent of the Ritual.

With respect to that sore spot in routine Masonic lodge business, that of unpaid dues, the Grand Master recommends that any member of a subordinate lodge who is two years in arrears in the payment of dues, shall be automatically dropped from membership. We in Alberta believe this to be a progressive step, but this Grand Body thought it had better be held over for a year.

Owing to the need for rigid economy the Grand Master curtailed his fraternal visiting, and to that may be ascribed his return of $750.00 out of the grant of $1,200.00 allowed for his expences. In line with the economy drive this Grand Lodge has joined the parade of the eight other Grand Jurisdictions in the United States by dispensing with the presentation of a report by the Committee on Correspondence, thus affecting another $1,000.00 saving.

In this his last report on Review of Proceedings of Grand Lodges, the Chairman, Stanley C. Warner, reiterates his strong personal opinions favouring smaller lodges, fewer stated communications, shorter ritualistic work, more secrecy and less publicity, with greater attention to Masonic refreshments. In this connection, he refers to the fact that England, with all its financial troubles during these many long years of depression, has constantly shown a gain in both membership and in the number of its lodges and asks: "Can it be that some of this interest is the result of the policies just mentioned?" He also says there is a further fact regarding our English brethren that should be noted. They have built many Masonic structures, but have never started such,

until they had the cash in hand, and thus have escaped the disastrous bonded indebtedness of our Masonic Bodies.

This Jurisdiction shows a loss from suspensions for non-payment of dues.

It is evident that income from the investment of the $284,491.48, Permanent Investment Account, will not in future take care of Benevolence expenditures. The income this year was $10,645.65, and the expenditure to the 70 cases taken care of was $17,001.98. The report of the Trustees of Benevolent Funds points out that in 1937 the rate of return from investments dropped from 6% of earlier periods to 4.6% in that year and since the date of that report, owing to compulsory reinvestment at current rates, the return has dropped to 3.8% and further investments will return only an average of 3% or half of what it used to be. In other words to give $5.00 a month to a beneficiary it takes an investment of $2,000.00 where formally only $1,000 was needed.

From the tabular statement of Receipts from Lodges we note that for some reason, presumably Life Memberships, 7,594 of the 29,637 members are exempt from paying dues. That looks to be a serious condition, if Life Membership fees do not bring in a suitable annual return to take care of lodge and Grand Lodge expense per member. We note for instance that in a lodge of 412 members, 116 are exempt from dues; another of 41 members exempts 21 from dues, and one of but 13 members exempts 6. Incidentally that lodge may be considered one of the highest in the world; it is situated at an altitude of over 10,000 feet, and has but two resident members.

Lodges, 147. Membership, 29,637.

M. W. Bro. William M. Nelson—Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Charles L. Patton—Grand Secretary.

W.B.

CONNECTICUT

The One Hundred and Fiftieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was held in Hartford on the 2nd and 3rd February, 1938, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Anders Jacobsen, presiding

There were 128 lodges represented at the meeting, and Alberta was represented

This jursidiction sustained a great loss through the death of three of their Past Grand Masters in the persons of, M. W. Bros. Leonard J. Nickerson, Theodore Foster and Walter T. Arnold, whose memories were fittingly marked during the Communication.

The address of M. W. Bro. Jacobsen disclosed a very active year of office. In the course of the year he found time to visit many of the constituent lodges and in all he attended 73 meetings of a Masonic nature within the jurisdiction as well as many out of State meetings connected with Masonry.

It was pleasing to note from the Grand Master's address that there has been a healthy growth in this Jurisdiction, and that young

men are becoming more interested in Freemasonry. The reports of the District Deputies were most interesting and encouraging, disclosing progress and considerable degree work. They also find value in inter-lodge visits and refer to the value of the historical record for future reference. In these matters your reviewer heartily agrees as we are sure, do the great majority, if not all, the brethren of all jurisdictions.

The Grand Master spoke highly of the Masters', Wardens' and Secretaries' Association as a means of cementing the lodges and the institution generally and of being an effective means of establishing uniformity of work throughout the jurisdiction.

From the very interesting address of M. W. Bro. Jacobsen the following extract is taken as one containing a great deal for every member of the Order: "We have the duty of carrying out of the lodge into the world where we work and play the great principles of brotherly love, relief and truth . . . . and so living and practising these great principles that our contact with our fellowmen everywhere shall be a blessing and an encouragement to them."

As well as the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Morris B. Payne, D.G.M., was very busy during the year and he also attended more than 70 affairs of a Masonic nature. He makes mention of the improved attendance at the regular communication of the lodges, which is encouraging, as it appears to have been a problem in most jurisdictions in the past few years.

In this Jurisdiction a substantial amount was raised by special assessment for the Masonic Charity Foundation by which a commendable work is being done in caring for Masons and dependents at the Masonic Home. During the year 63 were admitted to the Home with a total of 432 cared for during the year by means of this fund. They are more fortunate than some jurisdictions in having accumulated a large Endowment Fund acquired at least to some extent by bequests and donations.

Due honor was paid to one of their esteemed members, W. Bro. George A. Loomis, who has been a Mason for 55 years and served as Grand Tyler since 1905, when he was given the honorary title of Rt. Worshipful. Our congratulations to Bro. Loomis.

139 Lodges. 36,263 Members. 1,019 Loss.

M. W. Grand Master—Morris B. Payne.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Winthrop Buck, Hartford.

J.A.L.

DELAWARE

The One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Communication was held in Wilmington in October, 1938. M. W. Bro. G. T. Macklin, Grand Master, presided.

Alberta should be especially interested as M. W. Bro. Macklin has for several years been the Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Delaware. He is a member and P. M. of Temple Lodge No. 9 at Milford, Kent County. An excellent photograph of this M. W. Brother adorns the Proceedings.

He visited all his lodges during the year and says "This duty is the most pleasant one a Grand Master has to perform." He endeavored at every meeting to impress the membership with the importance for each one of them of taking an active interest in national and international affairs, and appealed to all to be watchful and jealous in guarding their democratic form of government.

A rare occurance anywhere in Masonry and the highlight of M. W. Bro. Macklin's year must have been the occasion when on visiting his own lodge, Temple No. 9, as Grand Master, he conferred the M. M. degree on his own son. Not only that, but all the stations of the lodge were filled by relatives. A sidelight on the stability of these New England States whose families continue to hold place and standing from the earliest settlement. Among these relatives were two Past Grand Masters, the Grand Master, three P. M.'s, an active S. W. and another who is Senior Deacon.

The Grand Master made many fraternal visits to other Grand Lodges and visited Halifax, N. S. for their 200th celebration of the introduction of Masonry in Canada. He gives a very good description of the ceremonies and afterwards visited Prince Edward Island where he found a striking similarity to his own State of Delaware in its size and in the leading part it took in the Confederation plans which led to the formation of the Dominion of Canada, much as Delaware did in the United States. Indeed, as an agricultural province but mainly in its people very like his own "the grandest people in the world."

Better take a trip across Canada, Brother, and you will find you can extend that opinion to several thousand miles on both sides of the boundary line, the only purpose of which appears to be an excuse for collecting large duties for both governments! However, he seems to have the right viewpoint. He says, "Here I contacted men speaking in common tongue, believing in identical types of government and a common belief in God. It was my pleasure to share a feeling of oneness with brother Masons, whether from the distant shores of Great Britain or the peaceful, prosperous stretches of British Columbia. There was no strangeness; here was a feeling of brotherhood." And he feels that Masonry can play a great part in maintaining and developing that feeling of brotherhood between the two great branches of the English speaking peoples, United States and the Dominion of the Empire.

He attended the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D. C. Forty-three Grand Jurisdictions were represented and one from Canada, and he says "This is one of the most helpful conferences that a Grand Master is ever privileged to attend."

The Grand Master believes in Masonic education and strongly recommended the use of Bro. Claudy's "Introduction to Masonry" by newly-made members. He is also interested in extending fraternal relationships with other Grand Lodges and particularly the Scandinavian ones with which Delaware has not yet exchanged representatives, and recommends that steps be taken to obtain recognition from these Grand Lodges.

He finds the regalia for Grand Lodge officers is in a deplorable condition. It has been in use since 1922 and should be replaced. No doubt they have the same difficulty as Alberta. It is hard to keep Grand Lodge regalia in good order; some of the regalia of this Grand Lodge has been in use for years prior to 1922.

Having to deal with the matter of lodge jurisdictions, he recommended that a colored map be prepared showing the jurisdiction of each lodge and supplied to them—a nice but difficult job of work for the Grand Secretary's office. It might be practical in an old jurisdiction such as Delaware but in the cases of new lodges being formed, new maps would have to be made. However, Grand Lodge approved of all his recommendations, only the Finance Committee said they could not find money for the purchase of books or aprons. However, Grand Lodge ordered that the books already purchased be paid for.

Alberta's Proceedings for 1938 received fraternal notice by M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Day, P.G.M., who reviewed sixty-seven Grand Jurisdictions. He agrees with M. W. Bro. Hartman that it is not good practice to have non-members of the Craft present at the refreshment hour.

J.H.W.S.K.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia was held in Washington on the 21st December, 1938, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Leonard P. Steuart presiding.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held on the 17th January, 1938, for the purpose of constituting a new lodge, No. 51, and this ceremony was conducted by M. W. Bro. Cromelin, P.G.M.

The address of the Grand Master and the reports of the various officers and committees show an improved condition generally in this Jurisdiction. Bro. A. H. Clayton, Grand Lecturer, reported more degree work done during the year than in recent years, which would indicate a revival of interest such as is reported from many other Grand Jurisdictions. It is also mentioned that the financial position of the Grand Lodge and of the constituent lodges shows a marked improvement, such being particularly true of the constituent lodges.

M. W. Bro. Steuart in his address reviewed the year's work, mentioning that he had made a personal visit to each of the lodges in the jurisdiction, which possibly is more readily done in this district than in others where the district is so widely spread and accordingly a greater number of lodges in operation. It was pleasing to note than M. W. Bro. Steuart had attended the commemoration of the Bi-centenary of Freemasonry in Canada which was celebrated in Halifax in July 1938.

The Grand Master in commenting on suspensions for failure to pay dues on the part of members suggested that lodge by-laws require payment in advance and that action be taken in respect of delinquent members several months before the close of the Masonic year. This apparently was producing desirable results in some lodges in the District of Columbia.

The fifty year gold buttons previously authorized by the Grand Lodge were presented to 12 brethren during the year.

The Committee on Masonic Museum reported that donations to the Museum had been most encouraging during the year and that the

work of accumulating rare articles and relics was being urged to the fullest extent.

The St. John's Day Communication of the Grand Lodge was held on the 27th December, 1938.

It is with regret that the passing of M. W. Bro. James A. West, P.G.M. is noted, a loss which will be greatly felt as it was the late Bro. West who apparently for some time had been discharging in a very able and pleasing manner the work of reviewing the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges. The Foreword of M. W. Bro. West to his 1938 Review is a most enlightening treatise on different Masonic matters arising in different Jurisdictions, and one particularly dealt with is that of "secrecy". Secrecy as he writes is not confined to grips, signs, passes, ritualistic lessons and the like but extends equally as well to all business and matters brought up within the walls of the lodge room. Advice which is timely and good and which cannot be too diligently observed. He reviewed among many others the Alberta Proceedings. Our sympathy is extended to this Grand Lodge in such a great loss in the passing of M. W. Bro. West to his great reward.

51 Lodges. 20,432 Members. 78 Loss.

M. W. Grand Master—Eugene E. Thompson.

R. W. Grand Secretary—J. Claude Keiper, Washington.

J.A.L.

ENGLAND

The Annual Grand Festival of the United Grand Lodge of England held on 27th April 1938, is a ceremonial meeting, at which the installation of the M. W. the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and Assistant Grand Master is proclaimed, with a full recitation of their titles and honors by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the other Grand Officers, of which there is a very long list, being announced by the Grand Secretary. Many of these officers are duplicated several times. For instance, there are two Grand Chaplains, six Senior Grand Deacons, six Junior Grand Deacons, two Assistant Grand Chaplains, nine Assistant Grand Registrars, etc. Then there is a long list of promotions and appointments to Past Rank, indicative of the immense number of lodges and members under this Constutution. It might be noted that 2,664 members were present at this commucication, of which 566 were Grand Officers.

Grand Lodge did not forget the M. W. Grand Master's 88th birthday on May 1st. A telegram of loyal congratulations was sent, to which H R.H. The Duke of Connaught replied: "My fraternal greetings to all my fellow Masons in their kind recollection of my birthday."

The business of the June communication included the announcement of an amicable settlement of the difference between the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and the Grand Lodge of England, regarding jurisdiction in China and the resumption of fraternal intercourse between the two. The Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland and Massachusetts have also resumed fraternal relations with the Philippines.

The appointment of the distinguished brethren as a delegation to attend the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the introduction

of Masonry into Canada, at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and who subsequently visited us a year ago, is recorded. There is also an account of a similar delegation which visited Cyprus and Greece, headed by the M. W. Pro Grand Master, Rt. Hon. The Earl of Harewood, accompanied by his wife, the Princess Royal. They made almost a Royal tour of the Island and while in Athens they stayed at the Royal Palace on the invitation of the King of Greece and the other members of the delegation, were entertained at the British Legation by H.M. Minister, Sir Sydney Waterlow. At Limassol, Cyprus, the Delegation visited St. Paul's Lodge No. 2277, where they witnessed the Fellowcraft degree and were greatly impressed. The Master was English, one of his Wardens of Greek extraction and one of the Deacons of Turkish birth, while the candidate was the son of the oldest P.M. of the lodge and of Syrian descent. They comment on the fact that so many different national types had produced a most happy lodge and say the same variety of origin was evident in all lodges on the Island. At Famagusta, they consecrated Othello Lodge No. 5670. At this ceremony were many members of the Greek Lodges in Cyprus, the Grand Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Grand Lodge of Greece was also present. The Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England came from Egypt, the Sudan and Palestine to assist. A feature of the meetings was the remarkably generous gifts made by the lodges to the Royal Masonic Hospitals in England.

While in Greece they found time to discuss certain difficulties that has arisen between one of the lodges under the English Constitution and another under the Greek Constitution and were able to report that a solution satisfactory to both lodges had been found.

The M. W. Pro Grand Master had the honor of being made Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Greece by its M. W. Grand Master at a specially called emergency meeting of Eleusis Lodge No. 67, G.R.G.

The outstanding feature of the September Quarterly Communication was the approval of publication of the statement of the Aims and Relationships of the Craft, as a result of a conference between the three "Home Grand Lodges," England, Ireland and Scotland. This is a re-statement of the attitude of Freemasonry towards political affairs and of the principles which govern in the recognition of other Grand Lodges and which has since been widely published with approval in many Grand Jurisdictions. Our own Grand Master quoted it in his address to Grand Lodge this year.

At the December Communication Grand Lodge heard with intense feeling of regret the decision of the M. W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, to resign the Grand Mastership, which he had held for thirty-eight years and during which time he had faithfully and well served the Craft. He said in part:

"Of the many and varied interests which have occupied me during a long life, I look back upon none with greater affection and satisfaction than my association with Freemasonry, and for the remainder of my days I shall watch its progress with unabated interest. The encouragement which I have received from all my Brethren since my initation in 1874, and the support which has been so abundantly given to me during my Grand Mastership have created in my breast an undying love of the Craft and of the principles which it teaches.' This Grand Old Mason is well known to us in Canada. Some of us had the pleasure and privilege of meeting him, when as Governor General of this Domin-

ion, he visited Alberta. No occupant of that high office has left a more kindly memory behind him than did this gracious member of our Royal Family. The writer's recollection of him, The Duchess and Princess Patricia, was that they appeared to have so fitted in with our Canadian life that they "belonged." The kindly, considerate old gentleman, the sympathetic Duchess and high spirited Princess Pat, who won everyone by her spontaneous gaiety, were a genuine example of the best in Canadian family life. No wonder, then, the depth of feeling with which Grand Lodge parted from a much loved Grand Master. There is something to be said for the English system of keeping a Grand Master in office for years. We in Alberta have a new Grand Master every year. He has only time to say "Hello" and "Good-bye" and he cannot really get acquainted. He cannot put into effect his own recommendations. On the other hand this is a young country and Grand Masters are handicapped by the fact that they cannot without serious personal sacrifice devote so much time to Grand Lodge work, and so we are forced to yearly election.

H.R.H. The M. W. Grand Master is by no means exempt from the trials of life. Not long ago he had the grief of losing his son, R. W. Bro. Prince Arthur of Connaught, a comparatively young man, and a short time previously he lost by the death of W. Bro. Sir Malcolm Murray, for many years his Comptroller of the Household and constant attendant on the Grand Master. The loss of such a faithful old friend must have been a severe blow.

He was an active Grand Master, giving close attention to the business and the work of Grand Lodge. His advice and assistance was freely sought and as freely given, which was vouched for by The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, General Sir Francis Davies, who headed the English Delegation which visited Alberta last year. The idea of the famous Peace Memorial Temple in London was his and the successful carrying out of the project was largely due to his initiative and influence. The members of the Craft under the English Constitution proved their loyalty to the Grand Master and to Grand Lodge by their support of this magnificent undertaking, which was completed in 1933.

H.R.H. The Duke of Kent was nominated and elected to succeed him as Grand Master, to be installed into office on the 19th of July.

In the same Proceedings the report of the mission to Canada is given. After the celebrations in Halifax, the Delegation visited the Grand Lodges in every province in Canada, crossing the Continent twice in their journey. They visited Calgary on their return from British Columbia, on July 27th and 28th. Owing to the time of year no Especial Grand Lodge could be convened, but under the leadership of M. W. Bro. Moore, then Deputy Grand Master, a number of Grand Officers with their cars met the delegation at Field, B.C. and entertained them during their brief stay. From their report it would seem the effort was successful and a more delightful party to meet would be impossible. Special mention is made of R. W. Bro. Harris', long journey from the Peace River country to meet and welcome them. They seemed to consider it almost a record.

The report says: "It was with very great pleasure that we noted the real zeal which animates the Canadian Grand Lodges, who not only teach, but undoubtedly put into practice the true principles and tenets of the Craft."

"The wonderful and spontaneous loyalty to the Throne and affection for the Mother Country was most moving.

"The relations which exist between the Grand Lodges of Canada and the Grand Lodges across the unguarded border in America are most happy and obviously reflect not only a mutual respect but also a genuine fraternal feeling."

The Delegation also had a wonderful reception in Massachusetts and New York where they visited the Grand Lodges.

J.H.W.S.K.

FLORIDA

The One Hundred and Ninth Annual Communication was held at Jacksonville on April 19, 20 and 21, 1938. Grand Master Ralph B. Chapman presided.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present. Alberta was not represented among the Grand Representatives.

The Rhode Island bible was re-dedicated.

In his address the Grand Master referred with feeling to the loss to the Grand Lodge in the death of M. W. Bro. J. S. B. Moyer, Grand Secretary. Flowers for his funeral were supplied by Grand Lodge to the amount of $345.00.

A somewhat unusual note is struck by the Grand Master in his reference to the invitations he had received to attend Grand Communications in other Grand Jurisdictions. He said: "As I considered my duty was to serve the fraternity in Florida I was obliged to decline all of these generous invitations."

Emergent communications were held for the laying of the corner stone and for the dedication of a new Masonic lodge building, and for the laying of the corner stone in the new post office at Miami Beach.

The standards for the recognition of other Grand Jurisdictions laid down in 1933 state in part that it is essential "that the lineage of such regular bodies is traceable directly to the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland or Scotland." This makes it impossible for Florida to recognize a number of Grand Jurisdictions at present in fraternal relations with England, Scotland and Ireland. The Grand Master recommended the repeal of this regulation and the substitution for it of the standards of recognition of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina which are patterned after those of the United Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Lodge laid over this matter for a year.

During the year the Grand Master officiated at a public installation of lodge officers. He also approved the organization of luncheon clubs at Tampa and Key West, advising them that membership must be composed of Masons in good standing. His address continues: "I fully realize that there is a probability that the extensions of Masonic affairs are becoming enlarged to a point where it should be discouraged. I have information which leads me to believe that there are something like 300 organizations that derive membership from Masonic affiliates and to some it is believed that these hang-on organizations

are endeavoring to predominate the field and are a detriment to Masonry in general. The only real disappointment I have had during the past year with these organizations is that some of them are getting very near the area that would be termed units of gambling, and to those organizations I would like to issue a word of warning stating that we do not control their operations but still have something to say about the behaviour of our Masonic brethren and can demand that they discontinue participating in such schemes. I wish to quote from Proceedings of Grand Masters' Conference. In 1924, Bro. Louis Block, P.G.M. of Masons of Iowa, penned a vigorous protest against what he called "barnacles" upon the ship of Masonry. Among many things which he said in his article regarding them, I am herewith quoting some of the most outstanding:

"When a candidate seeks admission to our fraternity, we compel him to sign a petition in which he solemnly states that: 'he is prompted to solicit this privilege by a sincere wish of being serviceable to his fellow citizens.' Is that pure bunk or does it really mean something? We are prompted to put this question by reason of the fact that there have arisen in recent years a number of organizations pretending to be Masonic that are anything but serviceable to mankind.

" 'They pretend to be Masonic by reason of the fact that they permit no one to join them who is not a Master Mason. They are thus practically parading under false pretences and practicing a fraud upon the innocent and unwary, thereby putting Masonry in a false light before the world.

" 'We say parading advisedly, for their votaries seem set upon strutting the streets clad in gay, gaudy and garish garments, flaunting flaming banners, tearing the public peace to tatters with the blare of the trombone and the boom of the bass drum. Seeing which, the citizen on the sidewalk cries, See, there go the Masons! The Masons forsooth! These devotees of dazzle and din! They could gain no lasting foothold among men were it not for their pretended holding of Masonic certificates of good character.

" 'In the past, to say a thing was Masonic was to certify to its high standing. One of the queer things about them is that the zealots who espouse the cause of these side organizations seem to have so little respect or reverence for the very institution, membership in whose ranks they make a pre-requisite for joining their own order

" 'Time was when Masonry was known as "a system of morality veiled in allegory" If this thing isn't checked, how long will it be before it comes to be called a frenzy of frivolity, fed by folly? These side orders scatter Masonry's forces They tend inevitably to wreck its power and influence by destroying its solidarity. and threaten to take away wholly its power to serve mankind. We may need a new set of Masonic police regulations that will put these bums in the bastile where they belong."

During the time Grand Lodge was in session, all three degrees were exemplified by the Committee on the Work.

The Masonic Homes report showed continued progress. One hundred children and forty-two adults were being looked after at a cost to the Grand Lodge for the year of about $41,000.00. A printing department trained the boys and printed the Grand Lodge proceedings,

"Home Echoes," a thirty-two page magazine, and did other printing. Mechanical and wood work was taught to the boys as well. A twenty-two piece orchestra and a Junior Boys thirty-six piece band were part of the musical activities of the Homes. All the expenses of the education and instruction of the boys and girls were borne by the Eastern Star.

Four brethren of more than fifty years' membership each were introduced to Grand Lodge and congratulated by the Grand Master.

A resolution was adopted that every effort should be made to prevent the use of the Masonic name in the furtherance of any commercial activities.

A committee reported that the secretaries and treasurers of all lodges should be bonded for at least $1,000.00 per lodge.

The death of M. W. Bro. Robt. Patterson of Alberta was noted in the report on the Fraternal Dead.

A discerning and comprehensive review of the Alberta proceedings is included in the report on Foreign Correspondence, several extracts being made from M. W. Bro. Macaulay's address.

One lodge surrendered its charter during the year.

Lodges, 223. Membership, 19,848. Loss, 101.

M. W. Grand Master—George Fish, Jacksonville.

R. W. Grand Secretary– George W. Huff, Jacksonville.

F.P.G.

GEORGIA

The One Hundred and Fifty-Second Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Macon the 25th October, 1938. The Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand Marshall; the Grand Officers assumed their stations and the Most Worshipful Grand Master, John L. Travis, opened Grand Lodge "in due and ancient form."

Twelve P.G.M.'s were present and several visitors, one of whom was specially introduced as it was his thirty-sixth visit to this Grand Lodge. Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master delivered an address that was unusual and that fully merited the enconiums of the Committee on General Welfare who extended their congratulations to the Masons of Georgia on the successful year passed under the leadership of the M. W. Grand Master John L. Travis. "His zeal for the work, his able leadership and his inspiring courage deserve well our highest commendation. We commend his courage in calling upon the lodges of Georgia to enforce our Masonic and moral law. We especially commend him for his bold stand against the insiduous "isms" that infest the minds of some misguided zealots. The history of our great Nation is largely due to the inspiring leadership of great Masons like Washington and Franklin. They fought to make our country great and free. They gave us a flag that is the emblem of liberty, purity and righteousness. Let us endeavor to see that that

flag is never stained and that our Nation shall ever be the home of the true and the brave."

This Grand Lodge seems to have a well equipped and particularly well managed Masonic Home. It is a children's Home and it appears that it has been so successful that the government officials, inspectors and the like, not only praise the work done but strongly recommend other institutions of a similar kind to go and see what is being done at this Home. The Committee, above referred to, speak very highly of it. Apparently they have the good fortune to secure an exceptional man in the Superintendent. Attached to this Home is a print shop where the older boys and girls are taught printing and which not only pays but seems to make such a substantial return that the management is able to make many worthwhile improvements in and about the Home, improvements that are of a permanent kind and otherwise would have only been possible by raising large sums of money directly from the lodges. The Management says, "The print shop is operated on a strictly business basis; the machinery and type are kept in first-class shape and equipment necessary for the proper execution of up-to-date work is purchased when needed, but money is not spent for equipment which is not necessary. We do not buy equipment to make a big show; it would be bad business and bad training for the boys. "A few things that have been done with the profits from the print shop are of interest. They were able to equip and install a dental clinic. They installed a small cheese factory. They built a modern dairy barn. They have almost completed a nice gynasium. They have also established a ball ground, wading pool and playground for the junior chidren, all made possible from the profits from the print shop.

The Finance Committee amongst many other things state that the paraphernalia of Grand Lodge is in a very deplorable condition and it has been found that it would be more expensive to recondition the present paraphernalia than to purchase new equipment and recommend that the sum of $500.00 be appropriated to purchase new paraphernalia.

The Grand Master made many recommendations and rulings, a few of which may be of interest. It appears they have in Georgia an institution of Masonry called the "Night Riders," a title which immediately brings to mind a certain organization widely known in the south years ago, but it is nothing of that kind. It appears that some of the members of Kirkwood Lodge No. 548 started going around and visiting the smaller lodges in their neighborhood, without notifying the visited lodge of their coming. They just walked in and paid their visit. As a result, many of the lodges they visited were put on their mettle and attendance increased for they could not let the "Night Riders" come and find them without a creditable attendance. He says, "There is no preaching so powerful as that of example. When these lodges saw a large number of men willing to ride half the night to make a friendly call, they had proof that their guests were interested and such enthusiasm will inevitably prove contagious." The Grand Master suggests that other large lodges might do the same. He thinks that it would tend to renew interest and stir up activity.

M. W. Bro. Raymund Daniel, P.G.M., reviews 64 Grand Jurisdictions briefly, but concise and to the point. Alberta for 1938 receives fraternal mention. He speaks of the address of His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, Bro. J. C. Bowen, as a masterful treatise. Bro. Bowen spoke at the Annual Communication in Edmonton. He quotes M. W. Bro. Dr. C. C. Hartman's "inspiring address" regarding the suc-

cess of his appeal for the drouth-stricken area. He also states that the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is remarkable as it is to the effect "that no matter has been referred to us for an opinion" and expresses his appreciation to M. W. Bro. Macaulay, P.G.M., for his sympathy with the Grand Lodge of Georgia encountering inertia exhibited by some of Georgia's lodges in carrying out the Masonic educational program. Bro. Macaulay's sympathy was due to the fact that we of Alberta have exactly the same experience. This writer feels that with Grand Masters like M. W. Bro. Travis and other Grand Officers in Georgia "inertia" will be rapidly overcome.

J.H.W.S.K.

IDAHO

M. W. Bro. Everett W. Rising, Grand Master, presided over the Seventy-second Annual Communication at Boise, September 13, 14, 15, 1938.

Baskets of flowers presented by other Fraternal Orders showed the friendly feeling existing between these Grand Bodies.

Grand Lodges of Montana and Oregon were represented, the latter by seven officers.

Among the nineteen Past Grand Masters present were three who held office in 1888, 1896 and 1899. Their photos with suitable biographies are appended.

Alberta's representative, J. Wm. Wallis, was not present.

The Grand Master, in opening his address, endeavored to place at their ease those who were attending Grand Lodge for the first time, and promised them help in framing their proposals and equal privileges with members of more experience. A splendid gesture.

He reports a busy year. In spite of a ten weeks' absence, he visited 60 individual lodges, 12 district meetings, as well as a few visits to outside jurisdictions.

The Grand Master's answers to many questions were mostly covered by Code, but one might be mentioned. He expressed the opinion that a brother who refused to submit to an examination in the work of the third degree within the prescribed six months might have charges preferred against him and a suitable penalty prescribed by trial commission.

Idaho prohibits its members joining the "higher degrees" within one year of being raised.

Like many of its sister Grand Jurisdictions, Idaho is confronted with infractions of their regulations governing the use of liquor and gambling. It seems difficult to regulate such a traffic when it is doubtless patronized by many of the Craft.

M. W. Bro. Rising is to be commended for his prompt decision to contribute to the relief of 300 Austrian brethren in Vienna who were dispossessed of their property and ordered to leave the country. Grand Lodge approved his action.

In his concluding remarks, the Grand Master points out the dangers of "isms" that are endeavoring to take root in this continent and warns that Masonry must continue to demand of its members, the adherance to principles that will maintain our democracies against their enemies.

M. W. Bro. Curtis F. Pike, Grand Secretary, who has been Chairman of the Committee on Education for "more than a dozen years," in his report says, "The only worthwhile knowledge of Masonry that a Mason can acquire will be that which he obtains through his own efforts and that the first step in an attempt to induce him to study should consist in the arousing of a desire to learn."

The Jurisprudence Committee approved all decisions of the Grand Master including one, permitting first degrees to be conferred in other than electing lodges.

A paper was read, opposing Federal legislation designed to appropriate public funds to support non-public schools. It is sometimes tempting to enlist the aid of such an influential body in the cause of right but freedom from controversial subjects is a bulwark we should not easily forfeit.

The Grand Secretary, in an appendix, has an interesting commentary on the highlights of the session. Concluding, he explains the divergence between tolerance and indifference. "Tolerance implies an active demand for a free mind and a free conscience for ourselves and in demanding them for ourselves we must demand them for others. Indifference is a willing acceptance of the unworthy doctrine that 'Whatever is, is right.'—Of course you will keep your lodges free from narrow partisan politics but think and study much of politics in the broad and general terms as relating to the welfare and happiness of all the people."

M. W. Bro. Percy Jones' report on Correspondence is allowed only ten pages. He packs a lot of information into his "thumb-nail" reviews. He is optimistic of the future in referring to the swing from loss to gain in membership in many jurisdictions, and reports more strength in Masonry since losing so many lukewarm and indifferent members.

We appreciate his comments on Alberta's reduction in arrears and our remitting dues to retain worthy members.

1939 session scheduled for second Tuesday of September in Twin Falls.

Lodges, 81. Membership, 8,917. Gain, 101.
M. W. Grand Master—Clyde I. Rush, Mesa.
R. W. Grand Secretary—Curtis F. Pike, P.G.M., Boise

W.D.

ILLINOIS

Ninety-ninth Annual Communication held at Chicago, October 11th and 12th, 1938, M. W. Bro. Everett L. Lawrence, Grand Master, presiding.

Alberta was represented by Bro. Ben E. Sincere.

Among the distinguished guests were the Grand Masters of Wisconsin, Iowa, and Missouri. The Grand Secretaries of Iowa and Missouri were also present.

As in other Jurisdictions the Grand Master reports a shrinking net loss figure and more petitions for the degrees throughout the state. He pays high tribute to the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters. Consolidations of small and poorly effective lodges is not only recommended but there is a suggestion that such consolidations may be enforced for the good of the Order. One new lodge was constituted.

From the Report of the Committee on Lodge Finances we cull this item:

"Here is a 'thumbnail sketch' of one lodge. It has 34 members; the dues rate is $2.50. Full collection of one year's dues from each member would provide income of $85.00. The lodge actually collected $40.00. Their Grand Lodge per capita tax was $42.50. They report operating expenses of $37.00, with a net loss of $49.77. The lodge carries an uncollected dues balance of $256.00, and has a cash balance of $30.00." What price Masonry? But this is only one lodge. The general collection improved by five per cent during the year.

The Committee's advice to lodges with low dues seems worth quoting: "We particularly urge the responsible officers of the lodges with low dues rates and insufficient income to cover reasonable expenses and especially those lodges whose dues rates are so low that they could never hope to receive sufficient income to maintain wholesome relationships, to take upon themselves the difficult and sometimes unwelcome task of bringing to their respective lodges a knowledge of the actual facts of the lodge's finances. Quite a number of these lodges with low rates are moving each year nearer and nearer to insolvency."

Without a copy of the Illinois Code we are not sure of the effect of the recommendations of the Committee on Legislation in an unadopted report dealing with the vexed liquor question but we surely agree with their comment that, "any attempt to single out certain occupations of men for a black list is lacking in the spirit of universality and tolerance which are among the distinguished virtues of our society."

The Oration is from the pen of Bro. George A. Hillier, Grand Orator, and is an able appeal for the estimation of affairs in terms of humanity rather than in terms of sheer materialism. Here are a few sentences as sample of his style and material:

"To reach the highest type of human relations we must also be imbued with a sense of symmetry and order. In chaos there is no progress, there is no stability. At every step in Masonry, members are impressed with this idea and its application to man's life."

"Masonry has through the years of its history given the world a most beautiful example of co-operation. We have learned to work together. We see the need of co-operation in every day life, and it should be our aim to carry our example to the world at large."

"Contemporary civilization, with its major material progress challenges our social institutions. Let us meet the challenge boldly, and give to the world living illustrations of those fundamentals of

Masonry which have served in the past to give our institution a leading place in the social forces of the world."

There are voluminous statistics to satisfy the most exacting and an excellent Report on Masonic Correspondence by M. W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach. Alberta receives particularly generous and friendly mention. We commend M. W. Bro. Beach for his brief but outspoken Foreword which prefaces and adorns his reviews.

Next year is a great year for the brethren in Illinois for the One Hundredth Annual Communication will be held and duly celebrated in the City of Chicago on Tuesday, October 10th, 1939. We venture to take this opportunity of offering our humble note of congratulation on the completion of a century of endeavor and to extend fraternal good wishes for continued success during the years ahead.

Membership, 302,770. Lodges, 997. Loss, 5,982.

M. W. Grand Master—Everett L. Lawrence, Quincy.

R. W. Grand Secretary —Richard C. Davenport, Harrisburg.

A.M.M.

INDIANA

The M. W. Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana was called to order in annual meeting in the Grand Lodge Hall of the Masonic Temple in the City of Indianapolis at 10:00 o'clock a.m., Tuesday, the 24th day of May, A.D. 1938, A.L. 5938, being the fourth Tuesday in May of the one hundred twenty-first year of the Grand Lodge.

Alberta was represented by Bro. William H. Swintz.

The following paragraph from the Grand Master's address is of interest:

"In the first place, we have such a renewed interest in our Order that our net loss for our Masonic year was but 485 as against 2,559 for the preceding year. Masonry marches on!"

An interesting feature of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a summary of Masonic membership statistics for the United States and Canada. It is to be noted:

1. That there were in 1937, 15,589 lodges in the United States with a total membership of 2,591,658.

2. And in Canada there were 1,380 lodges with a total membership of 176,743.

3. Seven Grand Jurisdictions in the United States show a net increase in membership, the largest being in Mississippi with a net increase of 219. It is very evident from the summary that a rapid decrease in membership prevailing for several years past has now definitely changed, and the general tendency is an upward direction.

In the Foreword to the Proceedings appears an address given by Bro. Edgar G. Doudna on the occasion of an excursion to the Ma-

sonic Home at Franklin, Indiana. We would recommend all brethren who have access to the Proceedings to read this address. But for the benefit of those who may not have that privilege the following extracts are reproduced:

"We are living in a period of chaos, confusion, depression, and hatred. So it seems to a headline reader. 'Futility, futility, all is futility, sayeth the preacher'—three thousand years ago. It was ever so. We swing from optimism to pessimism, from prosperity to depression, from hope to despair, and at the peak of one or the bottom of the other we cheer or we wail. We are always looking back to a Golden Age that never was, or forward to a new age which shall usher us into the land of our heart's desire. We never did live in such an age and we shall never have perfect peace, security, and happiness in any man-made world that we can fashion.

"Today we are doubtful, like the boy at recess who wasn't playing. Someone asked him why and he replied, 'If I play, recess goes too fast.' There you are. Today can be lived, can be enjoyed, can be made productive in spite of the hopeless climate of opinion which seems to darken everything."

"In a generation we have gone through a technological, and in a lesser degree, a biological revolution. Mechanics, science, and biology have been applied to everything except human problems. That was the tragedy of our generation, for we failed to consider the influence of fate, luck, chance, and the curious cycles of human thought. We were sure of Emerson's Self Reliance but forgot his Over Soul with which balance is maintained between self and the universe."

"The tragedy of today is, it seems to me, the new social atmosphere of hopelessness and helplessness and the naive belief that some superman with political control can save mankind from itself. So we get dictators like Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin, with a host of lesser and aspiring demagogues looking for control. Building upon hate—man's easiest emotion to arouse and the most dangerous to himself and society—they whip up fears and predict catastrophes from which they alone can protect. Thus you have the old swept away and nothing left to replace the old certainties. Our own indifference, stupidity, selfish individualism, or more selfish pressure groups, are preventing the adjustments which must be made. Time has no reverse gear, we can't go back, we must move ahead, but how?

"If I had the answers I probably wouldn't be here. But I think it is obvious that we need more and better means of securing facts, better and more careful analysis of facts, and time to think things through. The man on the frontier did that. He wasn't under the pressure of the daily paper, the radio, the movie, special pleaders and the like. He knew how to labor and to wait. So must we. Therefore education—not to be confused with schooling—must be broader and deeper—it's long enough now and thin enough. We haven't yet scratched the possibilities of a real educational program—the necessity is obvious.

"But no group knows better than this that without spiritual leadership the rest is doomed to failure. That in some way we must get. The world is hungry for such help. It asks for bread and gets the heavy stone of materialism. This is the only way to the good life, to retrieve the best of the past, to direct our efforts with more understanding, insight, and good will."

From another notable address given by the incoming Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. H. Morrison, the following extract is taken:

"The ideals of our Order can be perpetuated only through the force of the living generations. We cannot live entirely on the traditions of the past however glorious. We cannot rest content with honoring only the great men of history who were Masons. We must develop character and ideals in our youth today and thus produce more great souls to command respect for Masonry and Fraternalism in general."

The next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana will be held at Indianapolis on Tuesday, May 23, 1939.

Lodges, 546. Membership, 107,253. Decrease, 485.

M. W. Grand Master—William H. Morrison, 3601 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis.

R. W. Grand Secretary—William H. Swintz, Masonic Temple, Indianapolis.

A.E.O.

IOWA

Ninety-fifth Annual Communication held at Waterloo, June 14th, 1938. M. W. Bro. Harry Austin Palmer, Grand Master.

Iowa opens her Grand Lodge with public exercises including prayer, address of welcome from the Mayor, a suitable reply thereto and formal presentation of the Grand Master.

As a secondary title page to the Proceedings the incoming Grand Master cites his idea of "A Well Balanced Lodge Program" and suggests "that Masters and Wardens check their lodge activities with this program and thus find out to what extent they are fulfilling their function in the communities which they serve." We suggest you check your lodge against the program. Here it is:

Proficient and effective ritualistic work.
An inspiring educational program.
Ample opportunities for fraternal fellowship.
Co-operation in inter-lodge activities.
Active participation in Grand Lodge activities.
Adequate provisions for Masonic charity.
A well organized system of lodge administration.
Careful handling of lodge finances.
A proper regard for the dignity of Masonry in the community served.

In opening his "Address" Grand Master Palmer suggests it is no "address" but an administrative report and comments on the work of the various boards and committees of Grand Lodge. "In reality they are doing the work of the Grand Lodge when it is not in session." And any brother who has served knows this to be true.

Visits to the Grand Lodges of Illinois and Minnesota, at which M. W. Bro. Palmer had opportunity to fraternize with some of our brethren from Manitoba, are reported.

Speaking of Iowa's Masonic Service Committee and with particular reference to its work on Masonic Education, the Grand Master comments:

"If our Craft is to go forward, if Freemasonry is to reach down into our hearts and grip us, if we are to reflect in our daily lives those principles for which Freemasonry stands and must stand, then we must know more about it, we must obtain a wider knowledge of its history, its symbolism, its ritual, its ethics, and its philosophy."

The address of Grand Master Palmer is indeed an "administrative report" covering the work of a high-powered executive at work. There are no explosives and little to which a reviewer looking for "titbits" can point.

His peroration is a masterpiece and from it, in lieu of comment on Codes, Trials, Dispensations and Cornerstones, we choose to quote rather freely and congratulate the Grand Master on affording us the opportunity:

"Any institution of society which endures throughout the centuries does so not only because it has an organization (if it had no more than that, it would die of dry rot), but because it offers to society something that is unselfishly worth while. It must rest upon a firm foundation, one built not upon the shifting sands of emotional stresses but upon the everlasting rocks of Truth. It must have an enduring superstructure, and it must have an unselfish purpose, one that will draw to it the best that there is in thinking men and women, one that points spiritually upward, one that will appeal to the divine spark that is in every one of us—the Beatific Vision. All of these things Freemasonry has.

"Freemasonry during the history of its existence has encountered and passed through its periods of prosperity and its alternate periods of depression. It has encountered political opposition in the past, and, founded as it is upon the principles of righteousness and fair dealing, it has lived down that opposition. In all human probability, as the cycles of the years roll on, it will encounter political opposition again, and again, so long as it adheres to its fundamental principles, it will live down that opposition.

"What of the future? Presumptuous indeed is any man who attempts to predict, and yet 'He who runs may read.' He who with love for this great Fraternity in his heart notes current history is driven today to serious thinking.

"The freedom that all English-speaking people possess was not born overnight, or by the stroke of a pen, nor was it won by the passing of resolutions. It was gained as the result of centuries of struggle; our forefathers had to fight for it and fight long and hard. Those rights and liberties were born and nurtured in adversity, welded on the anvil of civil warfare into English common law, which is the background of constitutional government.

"Yet always and ever through the centuries these principles of free government have had their opposition. Always they have been under attack by opposing groups of thought, by those who either sincerely or for selfish purposes proclaimed there was no soundness in parliamentary democratic government with its power and authority coming from the bottom and working upwards, but that the opposite

form was the best for any nation, power and authority coming from the top and working downwards.

"Today, the forces opposed to what we love as free government are in the ascendant. It does not matter by what name one calls them. The essential feature is the same—power centralized in the hands of a relatively small class or group who are not only the political rulers but the economic dictators over their countries, maintaining themselves in power by methods odious to a free people.

"And yet we feel, we free men of America, that somehow democracy must survive, somehow we must carry on so that we can pass along to our posterity those rights as free men which we ourselves enjoy and which our sons and daughters have a right to demand as a heritage from us. How can we do it? How can we develop the necessary intensive national strength of character and the unity of high moral purpose necessary to maintain democracy as we call it and as we know it, with the forces which are opposed to our form of free government arming and running wild all over the world today? And what are we ourselves doing in the face of such a picture? What is the dominant picture in the public life of America today? Is it not an utterly senseless, in fact, one might say, utterly ridiculous class struggle? Is it not a purely selfish fight between the various groups of our citizenry, composed it is true of many men and women of a high type of mind, to obtain from their government for their class or group some advantages which must of necessity be at the expense of some other class or group of our citizenry? Was this what our forefathers meant when they established a 'government of the people, by the people and for the people'? Is this what we mean by democracy, this running of all groups and classes to the central government for some advantage over their fellow citizens?

"Has democracy failed? Have the principles of democratic free government failed the test of time? Have we become so blindly selfish in our class and group struggles for power that we have forgotten the rights of minorities, numerically or economically?

"Should we not forget this senseless class and group struggle and work together for the common good of all? Should there not come forth from the ranks of our Craft the necessary leadership for this purpose, steeped in the teachings of our profession and filled with that spirit of brotherly love which we teach and practice?"

To the "bookish" Mason the Report of the Grand Librarian is an amazing document not only of the growth and development of the Library in his care but of the extraordinary amount of Masonic data which is housed therein and the meticulously organized plans for its preservation. For one looking for topics to interest Masons anywhere, this Report is the proverbial "mine of suggestion."

The closing remarks of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address confirm neatly the impression left by that document on a "foreign" reader. We quote it:

"Words of praise concerning the administration just closing could be multiplied almost without number, but what good purpose would be served thereby? The record is one of which we are all justly proud. The work has been well done. The ashlar is perfect. What more need be said?" And we echo, what more, indeed? M. W. Bro. Palmer must have been proud when he heard that sentence read.

Two distinguished visitors, Grand Masters of Missouri and Nebraska addressed the gathering. From the remarks of the former we quote:

"I am convinced of this fact, my brethren, that today society is obsessed with fear. We are afraid. We are afraid of this and we are afraid of that. Men have become enemies in fear. Of course a certain amount of fear is natural and a biological necessity, but we must not be conquered by fear. We must conquer our fears.

"Society is afraid today. Men need courage. They need to grapple with these fears, recognizing that they are stronger than their fears. And I think that Freemasonry, with its matchless philosophy, can take that message to the world, that we need to understand that we are stronger than our fears."

If the Masons of Iowa are not "educated" it is no fault of the Service Committee whose list of services and materials available makes it possible for any lodge to obtain just what is needed.

Recognition is granted the Grand Lodges of Norway and Sweden, the National Grand Lodge of Denmark; withdrawn from the Grand Lodge of Denmark and postponed on the application of the Grand Lodge Rio Grande do Sul, Port Alegre, Brazil.

Among many unusual statistics listed we note that the largest lodge in the jurisdiction has a membership of 1,225 and the smallest 17.

The Proceedings close with a Fraternal Review of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges in which Alberta finds particularly generous reference.

But we do admire the Foreword from the pen of P.G.M. Ernest R. Moore of Cedar Rapids and as a fellow-worker in this particular field, raise our hat to him for his gentle but outspoken comment.

On the liquor question in jurisdictions in the United States and its relation to the law of the land he quotes, we think with quiet amusement, the remarks of an Australian reviewer, on "The truly Gilbertian situation of being punished by Masonic law for doing what the public law permits" and says for himself, "Out of it all there seems to be a growing belief that there is little difference between the man behind or before the bar." With which view we cordially agree, marvelling that our brethren in the United States still apparently believe that conduct is a thing to be legislated.

On Gambling and extraneous organizations, too, we cordially agree with M. W. Bro. Moore's remarks and suggest they might have been printed in "caps":

"On Gambling, which usually has been chargeable to appended orders, there is decreased comment as courageous Grand Masters have stamped it out by drastic action. A stronger control of Masonic 'tails' will eliminate it.

"On extraneous organizations there is a wide spread of opinion. In most non-American jurisdictions these have little standing or none at all. Here they are widely encouraged and fostered. Yet there is a growing feeling that too much latitude is permitted."

On the European situation he says: "Fear that European radicalism may through active propaganda, find reflection here that would imperil our liberties or our form of government finds frequent expression. Sometimes a keyed-up orator gets hysterical. Yet generally there is the faith that American commonsense will fully control and that the time has not come when free speech should be in any way denied. What Masons have demanded and always exercised for themselves is conceded to others "

And how we can cordially subscribe to his closing remark:

"The weary reviewer, at times bored with platitudes and sameness, finds full recompense in the manifest sincerity, the uniform desire to accomplish good, and in the renewed conviction that Masonry is a living, moving moral force that has maintained and will maintain a large place in our moral, intellectual, and religious life."

Coming to review the Proceedings of Iowa for the first time, we would like to express our interest and enjoyment of them. We congratulate Grand Secretary Hunt and those responsible for a very high grade production.

Ninety-sixth Annual Communication to be held at Sioux City, June 13th, 1939.

Lodges, 550. Members, 67,238. Loss, 437.

M. W. Grand Master—Realff Ottesen, Davenport.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Charles C. Hunt, Cedar Rapids.

A.M.M.

IRELAND

The proceedings contained an excellent photograph of R. W. Bro. Lt.-Col. Rt. Hon. Lord Farnham, D.S.O., Provincial Grand Master of Meath, who was one of the delegates of the Irish Deputation which visited us last year.

The Annual Communication was held on St. John's Day, December 27th, 1938. The M. W. Grand Master, Rt. Hon. Earl of Donoughmore, K.P., presided. This was the close of the twenty-fifth year of his Grand Mastership and the 150th anniversary of the first election to the same office of his ancestor, the first Earl. To mark the occasion, Grand Lodge presented him with an old Irish silver loving cup.

His address opened with sympathetic reference to several of a long list of Grand Officers who had crossed the Gread Divide during the year.

He puts first in importance of their Masonic activities during 1938 the visit of the Deputation to Canada who went with the English and Scottish Deputations to attend the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry in what is now the Dominion of Canada. The celebration took place in Halifax, N. S., after which the three Deputations visited together all the Grand Lodges of Canada and those of Massachusetts and New York, resulting in an exchange of ideas and effecting many personal contacts which were

not only valuable to Freemasonry in general but to the Grand Lodge of Ireland in particular. He gently chides the other Deputations for neglecting to take their wives with them, saying that Lady Farnham and Mrs. Thrift "had to perform all the duties put before them, but that they had had a gorgeous time." We who had the privilege of meeting them can say they were very gracious and charming visitors.

He refers at length to the very important Declaration made in October regarding relations between the Grand Lodge of Ireland and Grand Lodges on the Continent and which was adopted by Grand Lodge. It was the result of a conference between the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland and is a joint Declaration of the three Grand Lodges, declaring their adherence to and maintenance of the Ancient Landmarks of the Order in all their relations with foreign Grand Lodges, therefore they are the only conditions on which they are prepared to recognize men as Freemasons in other countries. Only a short time ago the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts appointed a committee to draw up a similar resolution to be submitted to the Grand Masters of the forty-eight States in the Union at their Annual Conference. This Declaration will be found in our own Grand Master's address this year.

He speaks with fraternal feeling of the retirement of the M. W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, who is also Hon. P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, speaking of him as the grand old man of Masonry.

He described a remarkable Masonic meeting in London of Glittering Star Lodge No. 322 which has a record extending back to 1754. This lodge helped to found the Grand Lodge which shortly afterwards joined with another Grand Lodge to found the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and it has been active ever since in the First Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. The Regiment relieved the Guards at the Tower of London in June last year, and the lodge thought it would be a fine thing to meet in the ancient Tower. Permission was granted by the Governorwho is also Colonel of the Regiment and a member of the lodge and who attended the meeting. This was the first time a Craft Masonic meeting was ever held there, at least as far as is known from the records. He, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, attended and opened the lodge "In Ample Form." He and the other Grand Lodge Officers had to put on their regalia in one of the dungeons below. They had as visitors the D.G.M. and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England and M. W. Bro. Lord Saltoun, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as well as V. W. Bro. the Lord Mayor of London, S.G.D., who were welcomed. They witnessed the First Degree being conferred on a color sergeant of the Regiment. The initiation was admirably done showing that the tradition of a hundred and eighty years ago had been faithfully adhered to.

He mentions the difficulties under which the lodges in China are working, referring to the death of W. Bro. Crawley by bombing and machine gun fire, saying that "we can all believe that life in China has not been comfortable for some months past" and we can say it certainly does not seem to be. In spite of everything out there, the lodges still continue to contribute to the Grand Lodge charities and he said that a further contribution is on the way, adding "Doesn't that show, Brethren, that whatever difficulties obtrude, the spirit in which Grand Lodge does it work is inculcated in the minds of our Brethren in a way that gives cause to congratulate ourselves warmly every day," and he ends his address thus: "The success of Masonry depends on the work

of every member of the Craft and that is one of the great reasons of its strength. Every Freemason must do his bit and it is therefore with a sincere heart and great thankfulness that I wish you all good luck with your work in 1939, and success in whatever task to which you turn your hand."

The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Raymond Brooke, contributed a complete report of the Irish Deputation on their visit to Canada, commencing with the celebration at Halifax, N.S. where in 1733 the Provincial Grand Master for New England "Mr. Price granted a Deputation at ye petition of Sundry Brethren a Deputation at Annapolis in Nove Scotia to hold a Lodge there." This celebration was a wonderful success. After this the three Deputations from the British Isles visited all the Grand Lodges in Canada and appparently one of the greatest pleasures Bro. Brooke and his companions had was in meeting everywhere many Masons, some of whom were made in Ireland while others became members in Canada. Many of these were Old Boys of the Masonic Schools in Ireland. Some of them came long distances to greet the Irish Delegates.

The ceremonies in Halifax are well described and must have been of great interest. After seeing many of the places of note in Nova Scotia, they crossed the Bay of Fundy from Digby in company with a number of brethren and their ladies who had come from New Brunswick to escort them over. They landed at St. John's where the Grand Officers entertained them, thence they went to Prince Edward Island to visit the Grand Lodge there and back again to Moncton. He mentions with gratitude the real kindness they experienced at the hands of those who drove them in their cars, thus breaking the long train journey and enabling them to see so much more of the beauty spots of the country. On to Montreal where the Grand Lodge of Quebec brethren met and entertained them, even taking them to the roof of the Sun Life Building, four hundred feet high, from which they had a magnificant view of the city. Bro. Brooke says that was the first tall building they had climbed but, as they went on from place to place, and finally to New York, the buildings got higher and higher. Toronto was the next stop. There the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario) opened its Eighty-third Annual Communication and they were received in form and warmly welcomed, the special honor of Past Grand Rank being conferred on them. Then commenced the long journey to Western Canada. Arriving at Winnipeg in the early morning, the whole party were photographed on the platform, which was published in the paper a few hours later. Bro. Brooke says "considering the hour of arrival and the fact that we had come straight off a train journey of thirty-six hours, the appearance of all concerned was very creditable," a tribute to Canadian trains. They were interested in being received by the Hon. W. J. Tupper, Lt. Governor of Manitoba, the son of Charles Tupper, one of the fathers of Confederation, at the Parliament Buildings, They were shown the famous Fort Garry Gate and other places of interest. Here he mentions that M. W. Bro. Burd, D.G.M. of G.L. of B.C., who travelled home with them, on the journey had made arrangments for the party to take turns riding on the engine the day before. The Irish Delegation declined the pleasure and had the opportunity of admiring their friends coming back from their spells of duty on the footplate (or was it the cowcatcher?) begrimmed with sand and coaldust and they felt they had chosen the better part. Bro. Burd had to have his little joke. At Saskatoon very late at night they found some thirty Masons waiting to shake hands with them. Some of them had come fifty miles just for that.

Then came Alberta and Edmonton in the early morning. Here M. W. Bro. Braithwaite and A. M. Mitchell, P.G.M.'s, joined them to go as far as Jasper, while M. W. Bro. Martland, P.G.M., who had been with them from Halifax left the train. They enjoyed some three-quarters of an hour stay at Jasper and drove to several nearby points of interest, thence through the mountains which they greatly admired, to Vancouver where the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. C. M. Kingston, and his Grand Officers entertained them at dinner. At midnight they took the boat to Victoria where they saw the famous Butchart Gardens and went to lunch at Government House, and returning to Vancouver took the train for Calgary. They were met at Field by our Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. George Moore, and several members of Grand Lodge and taken off the train, being driven to Lake Louise, and Banff and on to Calgary and the following day were taken for a drive to Turner Valley where they had the extraordinary good fortune to see an oil well being brought in. That night they left for Regina where they attended a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan held at noon. In the afternoon they were taken by motor to see the immense stretches of grain crops, stretching to the horizon in every direction. In the evening the Grand Master and Grand Lodge gave a dinner in their honor. Passing Winnipeg they journeyed to Ottawa where they were again met by Grand Lodge Officers and shown the Dominion Parliament Buildings, the Canadian War Memorial and other sites in Ottawa. The following morning they had breakfast in Quebec and while they had not much time, they managed to see a great many of the more important places in and around the city. From there they went to Boston, attending a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the next day arrived in New York where they were welcomed by M. W. Bro. Charles Johnson, P.G.M., Grand Secretary. Here again Bro. Brooke met another of the Old Boys from the Masonic School in Dublin, now a professor attached to New York University. He says that during the six weeks of their journey, they travelled some fifteen thousand milles in visiting the Grand Lodges of Canada and two of the Grand Lodges in the United States—a journey that has been unique in the annals of Freemasonry. "Never before have Deputations from the three Home Grand Lodges travelled together so far and never before has any one group of representative brethren visited so many Grand Lodges in one journey. The memory of the kindness we received and the friendships we formed will be with us to life's end, while the personal contact we have made with our Oversea Brethren will have done good to true Freemasonry all over the world and especially to the Grand Lodge of Ireland."

Surely the brethren of Alberta an heartily reciprocate these fraternal sentiments.

Another important Deputation visited South Africa in the person of V. W. Bro. Cyril Brown who was especially commissioned by theGrand Master to visit the lodges under the Irish Constitution in Rhodesia where there are twenty-three Craft Lodges of which five only are Irish. He comments on the close co-operation between the four Constitutions under which lodges are working in that country, the fourth one being under the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands. He says this pleasant feature of Rhodesia Freemasonry appears to obtain throughout the country. It is a territory of great distances; the white communities are scattered and isolated; the members often live a long way from their lodges and travel immense distances to attend the meetings. He had the pleasure of being present at a meeting of a lodge under the Con-

stitution of the Netherlands when a candidate was initiated and was greatly impressed by the ceremony which is very different to the Irish work and highly dramatic in character. Each part of the ceremony is rendered by a different member of the lodge but everything is carried out with great dignity and precision.

At the invitation of the Provincial Grand Master, he attended a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Selukwe, over one hundred and fifty miles from where he was staying. More than a hundred miles of this journey was made by air. After the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, they attended a meeting of Selukwe Lodge No. 617 where the Master was installed by the Provincial Deputy Grand Master and he remarks how greatly he appreciated the dignified and impressive manner in which the ceremony was conducted. He states that meetings of this lodge are held in the little local church which ever since 1909, when the first Irish lodge was consecrated in Selukwe, has always combined the functions of an Anglican Church and a Masonic Temple; in fact, the morning after the meeting a Masonic service was held in the Church which the Brethren attended in their regalia. This is very interesting to the writer as a very old friend of his is a Past Master of the lodge and its present Secretary.

His reports of the Provincial Grand Masters all indicate that Freemasonry attains the same high standing and is as active in Ireland as it always has been. It is pleasing to note the report of R. W. Bro. Lord Farnham, Provincial Grand Master for Meath, because he referred to his visit to Canada last year and noted the brotherly ties that existed amongst all the Fraternity in all the Dominion of Canada and the United States of America, and also the genuine affection and esteem they had for the Mother Grand Lodges at home. He feels sure that this meeting together of all these brethren was of great value to us all.

Another interesting report is that of the Grand Inspector at Shanghai China, who speaks of unsettled conditions which has affected to some extent the finances of the lodge but he believes their position is very sound and there will be sufficient degree work ahead of them to keep them busy during the coming year. He mentions local calls on their charity as being heavy and speaks of the health of the Past Master already referred to, while carrying out his duties as Harbor Master, and of another brother who he believes is in Canton where they hope he is safe and sound, an indication of the "uncomfortable" state of affairs in China.

J.H.W.S.K.

KANSAS

M. W. Bro. Charley B. Erskine, Grand Master, Cimarron, presided over Kansas' Eighty-second Annual Communication held in Topeka, February 16th and 17th, 1938.

W. Bro. Leo N. Gish of Iola represented Alberta.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters were in attendance. Nebraska was represented by their M W. Grand Master and Grand Tyler.

In his address, the Grand Master says, "Masonry is a progressive science and while underlying principles and landmarks of our great

Fraternity remain unchanged, each year new interpretations and new responsibilities are added. As we reach out and search for light, we must ever keep in mind that there are certain fundamental truths which cannot be discarded."

He has this to say of the indifference of some officers: "No organization, no lodge, can go far without executives of ability and training. Schools of instruction furnish the training, loyal support by the members sustain it. . . . . It is hard to understand why every Mason in the district does not set aside the one afternoon and evening required for the meeting, ... yet this past year, some lodges have not had a single officer in attendance. . . . This situation is unworthy of any officer and is especially so on the part of the Master and Wardens."

M. W. Bro. Erskine's recommendation that the following clause be added to By-law 135: "It shall be the duty of the Master to refuse admission to the lodge, as a visitor, of all persons holding dimits issued two years prior to such visit," was tabled for one year on advice of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Grim Reaper took a heavy toll of 1,014, of whom four were Past Grand Masters, including M. W. Bro. John McCullagh, Grand Treasurer. The Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. Paulen to complete the term of office and his good judgment was confirmed by Grand Lodge in Bro. Paulen's election to that office for the ensuing year.

M. W. Bro. Erskine took a personal interest in the individual lodges, especially the weaker ones, which no doubt had a stimulating effect during troublous times. Seven lodges agreed to consolidation proceedings with their neighboring lodge and others are contemplating similar action.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Albert Noah Smith's address is worthy of more than mere mention. He has this comparison to make regarding Al. Smith, a former candidate for the Presidency, and himself, both of whom were born in East Side, New York City.

"Al. chose to stay in New York. Noah chose to move to Kansas.

"Al. chose to be a Democrat. Noah chose the Republicans—so long as there were any Republicans.

"Al. chose to be wet. Noah chose to be dry.

"Al. chose Romanism. Noah chose Methodism.

"Al. chose a political career. . . . Noah chose the ministry. . . .

"Al. chose the Knights of Columbus. Noah chose Masonry.

"Thus the rights of the individual have been maintained and as long as they are adequately protected by the law of the land, so long will this country continue." Again, "We have discovered that it is not politics that corrupts the character but bad character corrupts politics and by building men of integrity, honesty, uprightness, spiritual faith and great intellegence, Masonry is helping to build the state that will endure the shocks of time."

Bro. Albert K. Wilson complains of limited space for his review of Correspondence. We thank him for his generous mention of Alberta. Bro. Wilson overlooks our list of Grand Representatives on page eight. M. W. Bro. Blair, representing Kansas, regretted his inability to be present. Calgary's genial Mayor's oft repeated address of welcome is referred to. We hope to have a sixth repetition of this in June, which

is something of a record at a time when political upheavals are the order of the day. M. W. Bro. Macaulay is commended for his stand on lotteries and his comments on the "Condition of Masonry."

Lodges, 440. Membership, 61,434. Loss, 1,118.

M. W. Grand Master—Henry S. Buzick, Jr., Sylvan Grove.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Elmer F. Strain, Topeka.

W.D.

KENTUCKY

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was opened October 13th, 1938, in Louisville. M. W. Bro. T. W. Macklin, Grand Master, presided.

That twenty-four P.G.M.'s attended is worthy of note.

The Grand Master's address covers many pages and indicates that he must have given full time to the work of Grand Lodge. The many subjects dealt with is astonishing; nothing seems to have escaped his attention. He attended with his Grand Officers twenty District Meetings, besides which is a long list of visits. There were six consolidations effected involving twelve lodges. One lodge surrendered its charter after granting dimits to all its members except three; there was no comment. He laid two corner stones, one for a court house, the other for a school.

This Grand Lodge has instituted a system of appointing Key men; these brethren are not D.D.G.M.'s but they appear to be specially selected for their ability and active interest in Masonry. They are required to visit lodges in their areas and inspire them to better work and higher ideals, assist them in their degree work and help them with their problems and "are a wonderful help to the Grand Master." It is noted on several occasions the Grand Master called on them to visit lodges and look into matters that required adjustment, reporting back to him.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, D.C., and the agenda of that important conference is printed in his address. One of the subjects discussed was regarding the many organizations which predicate their membership on Masonry. There are now two hundred and fifty of these and he says,"Kentucky has been very conservative in giving sanction to these so-called sidelines which naturally take interest from the original landmarks and ritual."

He appends a list of visits for each month of his year. They seem to range from ten to fourteen meetings a month. In the old range days, when going to work for some outfits, a man was often advised to trade his bed roll for a lantern. This Grand Master might have done so to advantage, for we do not know when he had time to rest.

An institution in Kentucky is that of re-obligation meetings. At these meetings, only the obligation is given; no speeches, and inferentially, no banquet. There is perhaps a Masonic service; it seems to meet with approval and is held once a year in each lodge.

Several pages are filled with the "Opinions" of the Grand Master. Many of them dealt with the vexed question which continues t› trouble Masonry in the United States ever since the Eighteenth Amendment came into being and, in spite of its repeal, still causes much trouble because of constitutional regulations. In Kentucky, an applicant cannot be accepted if he is concerned in the liquor business; even remotely, while a member can remain in good standing even if he runs a roadhouse where liquor is sold, unless charges of un-Masonic conduct are preferred against him and he is found guilty by his lodge. We wonder why the emphasis is placed altogether on the seller and not on the buyer as well.

There was rather an unusual occurence on which the Grand Master was asked to rule. It appears that on a ballot being taken the candidate was declared elected. After the lodge was closed, two brothers asked the Master if the box had been thoroughly examined. While he thought it had, he re-examined the box and discovered two black balls in it and the Grand Master was asked if the candidate had been regularly elected. After due consideration he decided that the candidate had been regularly elected as the ballot had been vouched for by the Master and his two Wardens, and rightly so.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a total of 515 lodges with a membership of 42,792, an apparent loss of 489 members as compared with the previous year. One lodge surrendered its charter and one new lodge was formed. Twelve lodges were consolidated, forming six. This Grand Lodge encourages consolidation where one or both the lodges are too weak to function properly.

The Fraternal Reviews are by W. Bro. Allen C. Terhune who, in his foreword, stated that problems most discussed seemed to be gambling, life membership and the liquor business. He is also convinced that Masonry is taken more seriously by both Masons and the public than ever before. Several Grand Jurisdictions are now showing a gain in membership and even those which show a loss also indicate advance as they have an increase in admissions over previous years. He feels there is much encouragement to be found in these facts. Alberta for 1937 received fraternal recognition at his hands and M. W. Bro. Macaulay's address as Grand Master is liberally quoted.

J.H.W.S.K.

LOUISIANA

The One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, in New Orleans, on Monday afternoon of the Seventh day of February, 1938, at 2:00 o'clock, was opened in the Third or Master's Degree, in ample form, by M. W. Bro. Archie T. Higgins, Grand Master, after prayer by W. Bro. John F. Foster, Grand Chaplain.

It is a peculiar pleasure for the writer to review the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. It was his privilege to visit in April last Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 59, and Alpha Home Lodge, No. 72, both situated in the city of New Orleans. The third degree was conferred on a candidate during the evening. The hospitality of the New Orleans brethren left nothing to be desired.

Apparently our Louisiana brethren have a very serious financial problem in connection with their magnificent Temple in New Orleans. This fine eighteen story structure was erected in better times by authority of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and the shrinkage in revenue caused by loss of membership and economic stringency makes it difficult to complete the financing of the official home of the Craft for Louisiana. The report dealing with this particular problem has a very familiar ring for the ears of many of us here in Alberta.

One of the interesting events in this Grand Jurisdiction was the dedication of a Temple at Shreveport on January 8, 1938. From the address of dedication the following paragraphs are taken:

"The things which our eyes can see and our hands can handle perish and pass away; the moral and spiritual values represented by truth and beauty and kindness and love alone endure. That which we do to make our own life and the life of our fellowman purer and stronger and nobler does not perish. Kind words, generous deeds and unselfish service are among the permanent treasures that we can lay up for ourselves in heaven.

"Building such noble characters and spiritual temples require even more careful planning, time and skill than that exacted of the architect and the craftsman in creating and erecting an edifice. Patience, perseverance and industry are necessary. Love and beauty and abhorrence of the sordid are indispensable. An overwhelming desire and longing to reach the ultimate goal at any cost are essential. Love of God and our fellowmen alone furnish the idealism, the inspiration and the spirit of self-sacrifice to accomplish this glorious and superb result."

During the Grand Lodge proceedings another interesting ceremony was that of the re-dedication of a travelling Sacred Book of the Law which is being circulated throughout the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island in commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of Providence, Rhode Island in 1636. The re-dedication was conducted in a ceremony which was both appropriate and impressive.

That part of the Proceedings devoted to Foreign Correspondence is differently arranged in the Louisiana Proceedings from the method in common use. Instead of reviews appearing under individual headings there is a summary presented in the Proceedings and apparently a supplementary detailed report which is not printed. The conclusion of the report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence mentions such an appendix dealing with 65 sister Grand Jurisdictions. In the report as printed appear the following interesting notes:

"Fifty year buttons or medals are given in practically every Jurisdiction. Where those entitled to this distinction are unable to attend the Grand Lodge sessions, the Jewels are presented them in their lodges, or even in their homes. The Grand Lodge of Ohio (187,917 members) distributed up to Fall 1936, 2,272 Jewels to Fifty-year members."

"The Alice Springs Lodge in South Australia holds no doubt the record in attendance of members having to come a considerable distance to attend meetings. The average distance they had to travel to be present at a recent meeting was about 1,100 miles."

Next Annual Grand Communication begins at New Orleans on Monday, February 6th, 1939, 2:00 p.m.

Lodges, 253. Membership, 20,643. Decrease, 304.

M. W. Grand Master—Chas. F. Ratcliff, P.O. Box 1535, Baton Rouge.

R. W. Grand Secretary—D. Peter Laguens, 333 St. Charles St., Masonic Temple, New Orleans.

A.E.O.

MAINE

The One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, Portland, Maine, May 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1938, with M. W. Bro. Henry R. Gillis presiding.

Several distinguished guests from other jurisdictions were present. These included Grand Masters from Quebec, Vermont, and Rhode Island and the Deputy Grand Master from Massachusetts. The nine living Past Grand Masters of Maine were present. Alberta was represented by R. W. Bro. George F. Giddings.

The 207 lodges have a membership of 36,283, a loss of 529 for the year. This report indicates that the gains are more, losses less, attendance increased and optimism prevails.

Two dispensations were granted by the Grand Master to confer degrees at a less time than prescribed by the Constitution. This was done for the convenience of the candidate, who in one case was going away and in the other the second and third degrees were conferred at the same date because of distance to be travelled by the brother to his own lodge for the degrees.

No question was raised during the year for decision by the Grand Master by interpretation of Grand Lodge laws that had not been previously decided. This speaks well for the completeness of the Constitution and regulations.

The Grand Master, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary attended a Conference of Grand Masters at Washington, at which 43 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. The discussion during this meeting was found to be very valuable and warrants the three pages allotted to it by the Grand Master in his address.

These points are taken from the Agenda, as reported by the Grand Master:

1. Are printed rituals advisable?

   Most jurisdictions have printed rituals, but seventeen of those present have laws forbidding even cipher or code.

2. Should the doctrine of "Physical Perfection" in candidates be relaxed?

   This proved to be a question primarily for each jurisdiction, but all favored conservatism in relaxation of provisions of the

laws and many jurisdictions allowed no dispensations by the Grand Master in such cases.

3. What may be done to counteract the impression gained by many brethren and their families concerning the obligations of lodges to said families when the brethren have passed away?

It was suggested that the members be educated to understand that Masonic charity in the first instance is the obligation of the individual Mason, not the obligation of the Institution itself. It was pointed out that the underlying principle governing relief by organized Masonic Bodies is in those cases where assistance is not available from other sources.

4. The moral and spiritual life of the individual being clearly defined in our ritual, what contributions can Masonry make to the intellectual, moral and spiritual life of the community, other than the development of its own membership?

The brother submitting this paper took the position that Masonry must make contributions to the intellectual, moral and spiritual life of the community and can accomplish these objectives by promotion of aid to youth by scholarships, student loans, interest in Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls, etc.

Alberta agrees that Masonry should be a community asset and promote good citizenship, but as yet maintains the position that the practice of Masonry is an individual matter.

5. Is Freemasonry overextended?

The question predicated as to whether or not the class of organizations making Masonic membership a basis for eligibility harmfully affects the attention required by members to lodge work and objectives.

The Grand Master reports that both the paper and the discussion evaded the direct question as to the effect on the work of the lodges. Our review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan for 1938, gives the opinion of that jurisdiction very clearly and with this Alberta apparently agrees.

The convention was so helpful that the Grand Master recommended that provision be made for the attendance of the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary at future sessions.

The Grand Master emphasised the need for discriminating judgment in the selection of material for membership in these words: "We fear nothing without, only from within can danger come."

We note with regret the passing of R. W. Bro. Henry Warren Loring, Past J.G.W., and member of the Grand Lodge Trial Commission. A memorial is printed in the Proceedings to commemorate his life and work.

Alberta Proceedings for 1937 were kindly reviewed and the death of P.G.M. Bro. Robert Patterson noted.

M. W. Grand Master—George F. Giddings, Augusta.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Convers E. Leach, Portland.

C.C.H.

MANITOBA

The Sixty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held in the City of Winnipeg on Wednesday, June 8th, 1938, with M. W. Bro. John T. Boyd on the Throne. There were fifteen Past Grand Masters present.

The Grand Representative of Alberta, R. W. Bro. H. M. Kerr, was in attendance.

Distinguished Visitors were received from Saskatchewan, North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota and were accorded the Grand Honors.

Manitoba suffered the loss of one of its Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. Lynds S. Vaughan, who presided in 1914.

The Grand Master visited the 100th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Texas as well as the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of North Dakota and Minnesota.

M. W. Bro. Boyd formally opened the Fort Rouge Masonic Temple, situated on McMillan Avenue, Winnipeg.

We excerpt from the Grand Master's Address:

"The whole idea of massed Masonic meetings which bring three, four and even more lodges to a host lodge on a given night ought to be discouraged entirely. Such a circumstance was evidenced in a lodge I was privileged to visit. The inevitable result, apparent to anyone present and remarked upon by not a few, was that scant attention was paid to any of the members of the visiting lodges some of whom, no doubt, had been at some personal inconvenience to be there. It was not surprising that such a result followed an attempt to do too much at the one time."

Waskada Lodge, No. 149, was merged with Deloraine Lodge, No. 40.

The Proceedings contain an address delivered by Rev. Bro. W.G. Martin. This address, "Safeguarding our Heritage," is worth studying.

The following table of Manitoba membership will be of interest to Alberta brethren:

	Membership	*Suspensions*	*Dimits*	*Deaths*	*Net Loss*
1933	11,699	307	218	142	359
1934	11,342	275	228	145	357
1935	11,066	248	189	143	276
1936	10,854	204	159	140	209
1937	10,658	229	157	140	196
Being a Net Decrease in five years of					1,041

The Benevolent Endowment Fund amounts to $268,298.89. The Grand Master made an appeal for contributions to this fund, especially from those who have not already availed themselves of the privilege.

The Reports from the District Meetings appear to show that Masonry is a vital force in Manitoba.

R. W. Bro. Kerr gives a very liberal and courteous review of Alberta.

M. W. Bro. Robert Hawkins—Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell—Grand Secretary.
105 Lodges. 10,658 Members. Decrease, 196.

M.M.D.

MARYLAND

On January 31st, 1938, a Special Communication was held for the purpose of welcoming once again W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy and a Cast of seventeen of the Fellowship Club of Lafayette Lodge No. 19, F. & A.M., Washington, D.C. Their visit was for the purpose of presenting the latest of Bro. Claudy's plays, "A ROSE UPON THE ALTAR." Some 400 Masons were present to witness the play.

The Semi-annual Communication was held in Baltimore on May 17th, 1938. Grand Master M. W. Bro. Harry B. Wright, presiding.

In his address the Grand Master refers to the continued loss of members but is not dismayed, as shown by this quotation: "While the loss in membership may, to some, be disheartening, it is indeed very encouraging and helpful to me to have the opportunity of reporting to you the increased activity in religious services. It is encouraging when you hear and read almost daily such expressions as, 'Men are forgetting God and things religious' to know that the Masons of Maryland are taking a more active part in things religious." And he goes on to enumerate Church Services held at which Masons were present two, three and four hundred strong.

The Grand Master reports his attendance at the Grand Masters' Conference held in Washington in February, at which forty-three out of the forty-nine Grand Masters of the U.S.A. were present. M. W. Bro. Wright read a paper before that august body on "ARE PRINTED RITUALS ADVISABLE," and he says "I tried to the utmost of my ability to convince them that I was opposed to any such practice," and thereby upholding the sentiment of his Grand Jurisdiction.

M. W. Bro. Wright is a firm believer in the benefits to be derived from fraternal visits. We cull this from his report: "I wish again to say, as I have said on many occasions, that I firmly believe it is very desirable to exchange these fraternal visits with other Jurisdictions. They not only afford an opportunity of observing how our neighbors are conducting their Grand Lodges and meeting the problems confronting them, but they furnish a wonderful opportunity of exchanging ideas of common interest to all and of cementing that fraternal friendship so much needed."

Masonically, Maryland is dominated by the City of Baltimore. Of the total membership in this Grand Body (29,002) 17,292 reside in this city. Of the 121 lodges, 38 are located there, 12 lodges meet in the Temple in Baltimore, five of this number have an individual membership of over 600, and two have between 700 and 900 each. We wonder how many members each Master knows intimately.

This year this Grand Lodge has inaugurated the practice of presenting service medals to all its members who have completed 50

years of continuous membership. 147 have received them to date. "Not until man has passed through the turmoil of youth and the less eventful period of his manhood years, can he truly and fully evaluate the true meaning of Masonry, the great part it has had in the building of men and of nations. Age, then, gives Masonry its meaning and worth."

The One Hundred and Fifty-second Annual Communication was held in Baltimore on November the 15th. Grand Master M. W. Bro. Harry B. Wright for the third year occupied the Grand East. He is concerned over modern World trends, and says, "To my mind, Masonry and the daily practice of Masonic principles are needed more today than ever in its entire history. Look at the momentous things that are happening--things which will affect you and me personally, your children and my children, your Fraternity and my Fraternity. Think of the horrible things happening across the seas, where men like you and me are not permitted to assemble in such gatherings as we have here tonight, where men are not permitted to speak their own minds, nor give vent to their feelngs. Yea, hardly are they permitted to think. There are those in the world today wild with their thirst for power and domination, dangerous to free speech, free government, and even the sancity of the home, dangerous to right thinking and right living."

Alberta's representative, Bro. Martin H. Kinsinger, answered roll-call.

The Grand Secretary Reports a loss in membership of 277 for the year and a loss of 3,565 over a five year period.

This Grand Body has been busy this year bringing its Constitution up to date.

R. W. Bro. Harry C. Mueller, Grand Secretary for the last five years, and whose slogan is "Service," received a pleasant surprise when the brethren conferred on him the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of Masons of Maryland.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a grand total of $273,169.30.

"BONNIE BLINK," the Masonic Home (We believe the very sound of the name makes the eyes of Maryland Masons shine) opened in 1934 now has eighty-nine residents and operates at a cost of less than $600.00 per capita. From the views shown in the Proceedings it must be a beautiful structure, and a marvelously pleasant place in which to live. This year a beautiful Chapel has been added at a cost of $45,000.00, the whole donated by the members of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star. This makes a grand total of $88,000.00 donated by them in four years.

There are no reviews of Foreign Correspondence in the Proceedings; the last we believe appeared in 1933, which seems a pity as apart from fraternal visitations, they are the only means of keeping in touch with the rest of the Masonic world.

Lodges, 121. Membership, 29,002.

M. W. Grand Master—John H. Hessey.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Harry C. Mueller, P.G.M.

W.B.

YORK GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO

The Seventy-eighth Annual Communication was held at the City of Mexico, April 14th, 1938, under the direction of M. W. Bro. M. S. Von Son, Grand Master.

The Grand Master was re-elected for 1938-1939, an honour only once previously conferred upon a Grand Master in this Grand Jurisdiction. Apparently many problems and difficulties are still left to be solved, and it was felt that the undaunting spirit of the Grand Master would lead them through the troublesome times ahead. We wish him success under the Divine guidance of the G.A.O.T.U.

We regret to note that Alberta was not represented on this occasion.

From the Grand Master's address we quote: "Please understand that Grand Lodge should be given just as much love and attention as your own lodge which forms part of the Grand Body, and this I believe should be a good reason to be vitally interested in the labours of your Grand Lodge." He deplores the many revolting conditions that are prevalent throughout the world with its hatred, intolerance, strife and bloodshed, and out of these conditions he asked some very pertinent questions, i.e.—"Have men forgotten that they form one family of which God is the Almighty Father? Have they no longer a sense of giving to every man his just due? Has prudence become a lost virtue? Have men become ignorant of the God-given law not to do unto others that which they would not have others do unto them?" And then he points out that "A little more reflection, rectitude, fairness, consideration, tolerance and justice, the practical application of a few of our Masonic teachings would no doubt considerably assist in making life on earth more pleasant."

We were somewhat surprised to read under amendments to Lodge Bylaws that "A quorum should consist of three members of the lodge," also if the three principal officers are absent a lodge may be opened by a Past Master of the lodge under dispensation.

We noted with interest that due to a carefully compiled Constitution there was no need for rulings or decisions by the Grand Master.

A recommendation was made by the Grand Master that an addition be made to the Constitution to the effect that no lodge shall grant a Life Membership.

A most interesting and inspiring address was given by M. W. Bro. C. C. Freston. their oldest living Past Grand Master, in which he developed at length the subject of "The Lost Word." A very engaging subject and one which we might do well to delve into. M. W. Bro. Freston was raised in a Military Lodge in Nova Scotia in 1870.

Alberta receives its fair share under the review of Foreign Correspondence.

Lodges, 21. Members, 731. Gain, 14.

The Seventy-ninth Annual Communication is to be held in the City of Mexico, 6th April, 1939.

M. W. Grand Master—Max S. Von Son, Anahuac.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Fred T. Berger, Toltec.

J.M.

MICHIGAN

The Ninety-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan was held in Flint on May 24th and 25th, 1938, with M. W. Bro. Wm. H. Parker presiding.

There were present eighteen Past Masters and fifty-eight representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, as well as several distinguished guests who were cordially welcomed by M. W. Bro. Parker and Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master referred feelingly to the loss that Grand Lodge had sustained in the death of M. W. Bro. George Wm. Graves, P.G.M. He was Grand Master of Masons in Michigan in 1927-28.

A very interesting report was presented by the Finance Committee. An attempt was made to contact every lodge in the jurisdiction in arrears in their per capita tax to discover what assistance could be offered by Grand Lodge in matters of finance. 171 lodges had accounts with Grand Lodge, some running back to 1930, which totalled the hugh sum of $82,667.68 At the close of the year all but four lodges had either paid in full or had made moratorium agreements extending their payments over a period of six years or more, to be made annually in small amounts. Each lodge was handled individually in the matter of adjustment. The Finance Committee also succeeded in having many lodges adopt better business methods in their affairs, such as a new system of keeping their books and records, better methods in collection of dues, etc. The committee is to be congratulated on this grand effort.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan has a definite regulation, and which it considers very important of observance. It is required that each constituent lodge bond its Secretary and Treasurer.

The matter of benevolence is approached from several angles. Besides maintaining a Masonic Home, outside relief is supplied through an Orphan's Committee to widows with families. This is handled through the lodge of which the father was a member in good standing and so an opportunity for service is offered the lodge of these deceased brethren. The great desire is to keep the families intact, unless circumstances make an orphanage imperative.

The Grand Master in his report dealt again with the question that arises yearly, of Masonic participation in gambling, lotteries and games of chance. His decision that all such are unmasonic was upheld by Grand Lodge.

A question which has worried many Grand Lodges in recent years was settled in a most fortunate manner by this Grand Lodge. The Endowment Fund had made investments in many kinds of bonds other than Government bonds. These depreciated sharply so that discussion took place in 1934 as to advisability of accepting a loss at that time by selling all these and investing in Government Bonds solely. After consideration such action was not taken and results justified the faith and judgment of the brethren. By 1938 practically all the loss was wiped out, either by matured bonds paid or the price of bonds had again reached the figure at which they were purchased.

The Grand Lodge drew the attention of the Craft in Michigan to a matter well worth consideration in Alberta—the careful selection of officers by constituent lodges. It was pointed out that especially in

these days of a disturbed and confusing world do the lodges require the services of a Worshipful Master who is not lost in a valley of indecision, but a loyal and competent leader who can command attention, restore confidence and who is willing to sacrifice his time in the preservation of those ancient forms and customs which have characterized the fundamental principles of Masonry since its beginning.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, as adopted in Grand Lodge, included the following:

"There are many laudable movements which Masons as individuals should foster. But Masonry has always taken the position that it should concern itself with purely Masonic matters, leaving to the brethren complete freedom of action as individuals in all non-Masonic movements. When the brethren are inclined to participate in other activities and movements their greatest efficiency and the best service they can render, both as Masons and as individuals, is in becoming active members of the particular organization which functions in the movement they desire to foster."

This is a very interesting and carefully considered report and clarifies a situation that from time to time arises in every lodge and Grand Lodge.

This reviewer has had the honor of representing the Grand Lodge of Michigan near the Grand Lodge of Alberta for some years and appreciates deeply the opportunity of studying these proceedings.

Membership—113,927. Loss—1,370. Lodges—511.
M. W. Grand Master—Wirt I. Savery.
R. W. Grand Secretary—F. Homer Newton.

C. C. H.

MINNESOTA

Eighty-fifth Annual Communication held at St. Paul, January 19th, 1938, M. W. Bro. Frank W. Matson, Grand Master, presiding.

Alberta was represented by Bro. E. J. Simon, Grand Representative.

In the imposing list of distinguished visitors is noted the Grand Masters of Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Manitoba. Three Past Grand Masters and the Grand Secretary of Manitoba were also present.

The Grand Master's Address is a businesslike report, void of pious sentiment, but giving quite apparently a smartly detailed account of his work. We like it, even if it offers no pegs for a reviewer's "quotes."

The Treasurer of the Minneapolis Board of Relief has some pointed remarks regarding this all important topic. He admits the need and the duty to meet it within the scope of ability but suggests that trained investigators in the larger centers are advisable.

". . . . Every application for aid or assistance should be investigated by a person along this line (trained investigation) if we are to be just to the Fraternity from whence we get the money."

With this we wholly agree. Over a period of years we have done a considerable amount of investigating and at times have been quite astonished at the claims of "rights" among our fraternal indigents and at the petty greed of some to whom we have gone out of our way to help. Untrained investigation is often unduly sympathetic and ready to be somewhat blinded by immediate circumstances to the detriment of limited relief funds.

The Masonic Home is reported as having completed "another successful and harmonious year." We note, however, a deficit in the operating accounts of some $12,000.00.

The annual oration is from the pen of Bro. Gerhard J. Bundlie. While there are many arresting sentences it is in essence an appeal for the continuation and expansion of the capitalistic system of economics. We do not presume to debate his thesis.

On the Report of the Committee on Lodges we read a comment which may be taken to heart by ourselves. "74 Lodges made no record of having read any part of the Proceedings as required by General Regulations. It is to be regretted that so many of our lodges neglect this duty. This is the only means by which individual members of our Fraternity may become familiar with the Grand Lodge activities . . .".

The Committee also reports the largest attendance at Grand Lodge in its history, 279 of the 303 lodges being directly represented.

The gallant work of Minnesota Masons at the famous Mayo Hospitals in Rochester is, as usual, modestly recorded. It is a great and lasting labor of love.

There are the usual voluminous statistics as well as a very full Report on Foreign Correspondence compiled by Bro. E. A. Montgomery. Alberta gets her generous share of friendly mention.

Eighty-sixth Annual Communication held at St. Paul, January 18th and 19th, 1939.

Membership, 49,344. Lodges, 303. Loss, 849.

M. W. Grand Master—Ralph W. Stanford, Willmar.

R. W. Grand Secretary—John H. Anderson, St. Paul.

A.M.M.

MISSISSIPPI

One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, held at Meridian, Mississippi, February 15th and 16th, 1938, M. W. Bro. Percy M. Lee, Grand Master, presiding, public opening exercises having been held in the Ball Room of the Shrine Temple.

Ten Past Grand Masters were in attendance. There are 320 subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction with a total membership of 21,024—a net gain of 375 since last report. Only 250 lodges were represented at this Communication.

Charters of two lodges were arrested, and four charters were surrendered.

A Home is maintained for Girls at Meridian, 86 having been cared for during the year 1937; and a Home for Boys is provided at Columbus where 39 were supported during the same period, the total cost being $1.40 for the year to each brother in that jurisdiction. A Masonic Unit and Tuberculosis Sanatorium on the State Grounds at Sanatorium, Mississippi, is another worthy achievement of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Treasurer's report reveals cash on hand to the extent of $83,000.00, and securities in excess of $237,000.00.

The loss of the beloved wife of M. W. Bro. Lee is alluded to in his address. The sympathy—belated though it be, of the brethren in Alberta is now recorded.

The printed Proceedings is a voluminous book of over 700 pages. It includes the names of all Grand Masters from organization to date; it gives lodges by Masonic Districts, lodges by Congressional Districts, by Towns and by Counties; it gives the names of the members of all lodges up to the end of August, 1937, as well as the Roll of Officers for 1938. It is a most complete ready reference.

Fifty-eight Proceedings of other jurisdictions have been reviewed. Alberta is included and an excerpt from Grand Master Macaulay's address, in which he condemns lotteries, has been given prominence. Assurance is given that the absence of Alberta from the previous review of Foreign Correspondence was due to the ill-health of the brother to whom that task was assigned and to his death soon after Grand Lodge meeting in 1936.

M. W. Bro. Lucius Layton Conerly—Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Edward L. Faucette—Grand Secretary.

S.G.B.

MISSOURI

One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Communication held at St. Louis, September 27th and 28th, 1938, M. W. Bro. Harold L. Reader, Grand Master, presiding.

Prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge, the children of the Masonic Home entertained the gathering and were assisted by an orchestra under the leadership of Bro. Falkenhainer.

632 subordinate lodges are embraced in this jurisdiction, 554 of which were represented at the Communication. The total membership is given at 89,329 which, compared with the last report, shows a net loss in membership of 1,040.

The Grand Master's address indicates the completion of a busy year. He accounts for 106 visits to his subordinate lodges, six visits to other Grand Jurisdictions, and the laying of five corner stones. "The outstanding Masonic event of the year" he chronicles, "was the celebration of the Bicentenary of Freemasonry in Canada by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia on July 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th, at

Halifax and Digby" and he proceeds to give an interesting and detailed account of his activities on that occasion. He concludes, "The days spent with the brethren of Nova Scotia in the celebration of the Bicentenary of the Introduction of Freemasonry into Canada will remain a most happy memory."

In the history of the Masonic Home, the outstanding event of the year was the completion of the Women's building—a nine-storied structure with ground or basement floor, accommodating 105 inmates, and costing $400,000.00.

"This liquor question has been a most vexatious one." So said the Grand Master before calling upon the chairman of a special committee to report upon the result of their deliberations concerning that subject in its relation to Masonic law.

Because of the knowledge that other jurisdictions in the United States are still struggling with that question, liberty is taken by your reviewer to quote extensively from the report then submitted:

"Our Lodges are faced with the alternative of either ignoring Masonic law or, in event proceedings be brought against a member who is ingaged *in any manner* in the sale of intoxicating liquor, of convicting such member, regardless of the legality under State Law of his acts, or the freedom of those acts from disorder, and even though such member be a respected and honored citizen.

"If a young man who is employed by a highly respected grocer applies for membership in a Missouri Masonic Lodge, he is not eligible if he is engaged in the sale or delivery of intoxicating liquors to a consumer of his employer, even though such customer consumes not a drop upon the premises and is himself a member of the fraternity.

"No discrimination is made in our present Missouri Masonic law between, on the one hand, the tavern keeper whose sales of liquor by the drink are 100 per cent of his business and who, though acting within the law of the State, may be operating an establishment which is regarded with disfavor by his community and, on the other hand, the grocer who maintains an orderly establishment with no consumption of liquor on his premises, and whose liquor sales may be less than 5 per cent of his gross transactions.

"These circumstances justify serious consideration of amendment of our Masonic law. If our present law be retained there is a constant temptation to our Lodges to overlook and condone violations of it, and, if such temptation be yielded to, the reputation of the fraternity is likely to be besmirched by the charge of hypocrisy based on the existence of strict Masonic law accompanied by little or no enforcement of it. If, on the other hand, prosecutions of our members under present Missouri Masonic law be instituted, the fraternity may in many localities suffer dissension of a serious and irreconcilable character."

The report proposes certain amendments to the Constitution with a view to removing these anomalies and, as was suggested and recommended by the special committee, these will be submitted at the 1939 Communication for discussion and adoption.

The loss of two outstanding brethren is recorded in the deaths of M. W. Bros. John Picard and Orestes Mitchell.

Recognition has been extended to the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Guatemala, to the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica and to the Grand Lodge of Swiss Alpina.

"The Masonic World," under the pen of Ray V. Denslow, P.G.M., covers ninety-six pages of very interesting reading and is a review of Foreign Correspondence. "Calling Bro. Denslow", "Calling Bro. Denslow". Our Grand Secretary takes issue with your comment on our Board of Benevolence. You remember stating "Many lodges are making demands of it which it cannot meet." Here is a marginal note in pencil which I find on page 304: "Incorrect. No legitimate request has ever been refused. J.K." I have not before me a copy of our Proceedings for that year and I do not know what justification you may have had for that statement. However, I leave it to you and M. W. Bro. Kemmis to adjust.

M. W. Grand Master—Henry C. Chiles.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Arthur Mather.

S.G.B.

MONTANA

Nine Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held, four for the laying of a corner-stone, four to conduct the funeral of a Grand Lodge officer and one to dedicate a new Temple.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication was held at Billings, August 17th, 1938. M. W. Bro. Edwin Grafton, Grand Master.

Alberta was again represented by our veteran Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. James W. Speer.

It is indeed a pleasure to comment on the address of the Grand Master for it was our privilege to first meet him in Billings in 1933 when he was then Grand Marshal.

It is with deep regret that he records the demise of two Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. Moses Morris and M. W. Bro. H. Sol Hepner, also their Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. W. Ray Calvin and their Grand Marshal, W. Bro. Rual V. Brown. We extend our sympathy to the Grand Lodge of Montana in their great loss, for it was a pleasure and a great privilege to meet these brethren.

The Grand Master appears to have kept up the Montana reputation for visiting although he admits that it "is a very strenuous occupation."

He reports the discontinuance of "The Montana Mason" owing to the death of the Editor, M. W. Bro. Hepner, as there appears to be no one to carry on the work. The question of a Grand Lodge Bulletin is now being considered.

The Grand Master refers to the havoc that has taken place Masonically in different parts of the world, but points with not unnatural pride to the fact that "through all this turmoil and confusion, we have witnessed the steady course of Masonry, uninfluenced by changing currents of public opinion, moving steadily ahead as it held high aloft the great Masonic tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

He forecast that higher ideals will come out of the years of depression and gloom. He points to a greater responsibility in bringing about a new day and enjoins his brethren to *"hold high the torch of* freedom so that the crushed and downtrodden of the world may see its light and rise to sing hosannas to Liberty and Democracy."

Excellent addresses were given by P.G. Masters Marshall and Callaway, also the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master of Saskatchewan, M. W. Bro. S. C. Burton was introduced by the Grand Master and addressed the brethren, as also his Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. R. A. Tate.

W. Bro. Carl *H. Claudy, Executive Secretary of the Masonic* Service Association, was introduced by the Grand Master, and in addressing the brethren he developed the reason for the word "Blue" in Masonic lodges; the wearing of hats by Masters of York Rite lodges; the Trestle Board; the lesser lights, etc. His address was received with great enthusiasm. As the address is not fully reported, we are unable to quote from it.

The Grand Master of North Dakota, M. W. Bro. Robt. E. Trousdale, gave a very inspiring address in which he linked together the two States and called upon the brethren to "co-operate to keep faith in God and the love for our fellow men."

A very excellent Foreword appears in front of the Report on *Fraternal* Correspondence by M. W. Bro. Claude J. McAllister, P.G.M., and is very interesting reading. It gives in brief the high lights of the whole review. Under his commentary on the state of the Craft he sums up the situation for those who are now unfortunately deprived of the privilege of meeting. *"Democracy and Masonry still remain* in hearts of our brethren in countries where our Fraternity is suppressed." In his review of Life Membership he comes to the conclusion that "although an honour, it is one that should be sparingly conferred" otherwise the effect on lodge finances and responsibilities may cause much consternation. He warns that Masonic Manhood should ever be on guard against "Subversive Isms."

Alberta is given a very liberal review, the important points being well treated.

Lodges, 135. Membership, 17,806. Loss, 253.

The next Annual Communication will be held at Great Falls 16th August, 1939.

M. W. Grand Master—Oscar A. Johnson, Anaconda.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Luther T. Hauberg, Helena.

J.M.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska's Eighty-first Annual Communication convened in Omaha, June 7 and 8. Grand Master M. W. Bro. Wm. A. Robertson, Plattsmouth, presided.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were received with due ceremony. M. W. Bro. Dickson, in replying to the Grand Master's address of

welcome, said, "The underlying principles of Masonry have become a part of our nation's foundation and the destruction of one would be to destroy the other. The right to peaceably assemble, the right to freely speak and publish, the right of political and religious freedom are being encroached upon and unless there is a change, the future of our nation is in the balance."

Bro. Earl M. Bolen, Ulysses, Alberta's representative was present.

M. W. Bro. Robertson issued eight dispensations to confer degrees without reference to time "for good cause shown." We wonder if Masonry, so easily obtained may not be poorly served.

The Grand Master was called upon to make many decisions on matters of Jurisprudence and received the support of the Committee in most cases. Grand Lodge disapproved the decision that a lodge could use funds derived from sources other than dues and fees for outside charity work.

It approved the decision that a Master has authority to refuse to submit a motion when moved and seconded.

His decision that a suspended member had no right to wear a Masonic ring was upheld. What steps can be taken to prevent it?

The M. W. Grand Master was not unmindful of the pleasures and benefits constituent lodges derive from visits of Grand Lodge officers. He visited 65 Nebraska lodges, a few in other jurisdictions and many social affairs. His enthusiasm must surely have inspired interest and in his concluding remarks he says, "I find a great revival of interest in Masonry in this jurisdiction".

Nebraska has a Committee on Returns which seems to render a valuable service in checking reports of lodge secretaries, pointing out deficiencies and making a comparative record of lodge achievements. A Roll of Honor is kept which records ten lodges which have no delinquent dues for the year 1937 and one lodge which has never had a loss in membership since it was chartered.

Another group that is worthy of mention is the Committee on the Promotion of World's Peace. What would seem more logical for a fraternity which boasts a membership upon which the sun never sets, if care is taken to avoid political entanglements.

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. Patterson's address, "And these shall never die," is a masterpiece in which the indestructible grandeur of Nature and the principles of the Craft are favorably compared. Lack of space prevents more than a mere mention of this inspiring oration.

Nebraska assesses a fee of $10.00 for affiliation in cases where the petitioner has not applied for admission within one year of date of dimit. This might be still more effective if it was increased by $10.00 each year.

Another amendment to the Code provides that where a lodge delays its returns beyond a specified date, a Grand Lodge representative visits the lodge to secure the returns, at the expense of the lodge. A very effective remedy.

A brother suspended N.P.D. may be restored without a vote of the lodge if dues are paid or remitted within three years from date of suspension.

Reviewer M. W. Bro. Edwin D. Crites has spared no effort to bring to the Proceedings generous quotations from outstanding orations and views of Masonic leaders throughout the world—93 pages of education and inspiration. We presume that Alberta is not included through lack of space rather than lack of material.

Lodges, 292. Membership, 32,423. Loss, 757.

M. W. Grand Master—Bro. Walter R. Raeche, Central City.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Bro. Lewis E. Smith, P.G.M., Omaha.

W.D.

NEVADA

The Seventy-fourth Annual Grand Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge, F. and A.M. of Nevada, was convened in the Masonic Temple in the City of Winnemucca, Nevada, and called to order by Merwyn H. Brown, M. W. Grand Master, at High Twelve, June 9, A.L. 5938, A.D. 1938.

It is noted that the Grand Jurisdiction of Nevada recognized during this Communication the Grand Lodges of Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

The Grand Master of Nevada seems to have been a fairly busy man as he reports having travelled 28,000 miles during his year, and the detailed report of his activities indicate many labors in the interests of the Craft.

From the report of the Grand Secretary the following paragraph is culled: "I wonder if any other Grand Jurisdiction can boast of a member who is 99 years young, who has been a Mason 72 years and a Past Master 70 years. I refer to our esteemed Bro. Roswell K. Colcord of Carson Lodge No. 1, a former Governor of Nevada."

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. W. C. Watson, gave an oration on the subject of "Doing Good," from which the following two paragraphs are quoted:

"We believe in Masonry because of the good it teaches; because of the results it accomplishes for each member; because a member gets all the good out of it that he goes after; because a member will strive to do better by observance of its teachings; because a member will not go down and out as long as he keeps faith in himself; because a member will believe in the work of today, in the work he hopes to do tomorrow, and the sure reward which the future holds—courtesy, kindness, generosity, good cheer and friendship."

"Influence is to a man what flavor is to a fruit or fragrance is to the flower. It does not develop strength or determine character but it is the measure of his interior riches and worth and as the blossom cannot tell what becomes of the odor which is wafted away from it by every wind, so no one knows the limit of that influence which

constantly and imperceptibly escapes from his daily life and goes out far beyond his conscious knowledge and remotest thought. There are noxious weeds and fragrance-laden flowers in the world of mind as in the world of matter. Truly blessed are they who walk the very life as the Saviour of Mankind once walked on our earth, filling all the air about them with the aroma which is so distilled from kindly deeds, helpful words and unselfish lives."

In the Foreword preceding the reviews contained in the Proceedings an interesting item appears: "Do you know that Florida has the distinction of having the only lodge in the world, so it is said, operating without annual dues? Each petitioner elected pays a fee of three hundred dollars, two hundred of which is placed in a permanent fund, the income from which takes care of the dues question."

Among the 62 reviews contained in the Proceedings Alberta is not represented nor was the Alberta representative at the Grand Lodge Communication.

"The Seventy-fifth Annual Communication will be holden in the City of Sparks, Nevada, the second Thursday in June at High Twelve, the same being June 8, A.L. 5939, A.D. 1939."

Lodges, 26. Membership, 3,079. Decrease, 14.

M. W. Grand Master—Elwood H. Beemer, 800 West Second St., Reno.

R. W. Grand Secretary, E. C. Peterson, Carson City.

A.E.O.

NEW BRUNSWICK

The Seventy-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was held in St John on the 25th of August, 1938. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Guy H. Humphrey, presided.

Alberta was represented by R. W. Bro. Peter Fraser who was D.D.G.M. for District No. 3, and has now been elected Deputy Grand Master. We congratulate him.

A copy of the message from H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, read at St. John on the occasion of their bi-centenary celebration of the founding of Freemasonry in Canada, appears in full. In his address the Grand Master gives an outline report of this "the greatest event in Canadian Masonic history." May we state here how much we enjoyed our visit, on this occasion, with the brethren of New Brunswick, and we recall the many friends we made there.

At the outset the Grand Master reminds his brethren of the great aim to be accomplished through the thorough exercise of the noble tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and amplifies this in the following words: "If all the nations of the world today would embrace these tenets as their motto, what a blessing it would be to humanity, and what a peace would reign upon this sorely troubled and upset world where like strives against like for temporal power and self-ag-

grandizement; that purely ephemeral thing of no value to any of us in the final scheme of our Maker."

As the result of his many visits to the constituent lodges he gives some timely advice regarding the keeping of lodge records; the care in acceptance of candidates; the delay in dealing with Fees and Dues and Returns to Grand Lodge. He frowns on privileged members after a membership of twenty-one to twenty-five years, with its resultant effect on lodge income. He urges Past Masters to take a more active interest in their lodge and assume their share of the load.

The Board of General Purposes reports eighteen applications for benevolence, the amount granted being $1,811 55. The report also refers to an application to the Grand Master from the lodges in St. John asking for a dispensation to hold a Lodge of Emulation under the supervision of the Ritual Committee, which was granted.

According to a report of the Grand Historian, an attempt is being made to obtain a complete historical record of each of the forty-four lodges within the Grand Jurisdiction. He states that he has arranged all historical data under the number of each lodge. This is a very important work and will be of great value as time goes on.

The District Deputy Grand Masters report a general improvement in the work and condition of the lodges.

There is no review of Fraternal Correspondence in the Proceedings.

Lodges, 44. Members, 5,319. Loss, 27.

The next Annual Communication will be held at St. John, 24th August, 1939.

M. W. Grand Master—John Thornton, St. John.

V. W. Grand Secretary—R. D. Magee, St. John.

J.M.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of New Hampshire held its One Hundred and Forty-ninth Annual Communication in the City of Concord on Wednesday the 18th May, 1938, with M. W. Bro. Alexander McIntosh, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

The distinguished visitors included M. W. Bro. William J. Ballou, Grand Master of Vermont; M. W. Bro. Fred H. Barrows, Grand Master of Rhode Island; M. W. Bro. Morris P. Payne, Grand Master of Connecticut; M. W. Bro. George E. Danforth, Grand Master of New Jersey; M W Bro. Joseph E. Perry, Grand Master of Massachusetts, together with several of their officers.

The Address of the Grand Master is an account of his work in his jurisdiction. The Committee appointed to revise the Burial Service recommended that the ritual used by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts be adopted and with the consent of that Grand Body the Grand Master ordered the ritual to be distributed for use among the constituent lodges.

A portrait of the late M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney, P.G.M., and for twenty-seven years Grand Secretary, was presented to Grand Lodge and on the recommendation of the Grand Secretary and Past Grand Masters prints were furnished to all the lodges.

The Grand Master reported a decided increase in the number of applications for Masonic Relief. All petitions were duly taken care of. He also makes a recommendation that a certain designated amount should be set aside from the Charity Fund in addition to the interest, for relief purposes.

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held for the purpose of dedicating the Hall of Faithful Lodge at Charlestown.

The Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. J. Melvin Dresser, presented a most interesting report. We like his reference to the duties of the Grand Secretary and his answer to the criticism of the expense of operating Grand Lodge Office. Very few members of the Craft have any idea of the amount of work involved. Once they appreciate the service rendered criticism fades away.

Some very valuable documents and articles were discovered by the Grand Secretary and these are being preserved for the day a Museum is established in New Hampshire.

On the recommendation of the Committee recognition was extended to the following Grand Lodges:

National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia;
Grand Lodge of Sweden;
Grand Lodge of Norway;
National Grand Lodge of Denmark;
Grand Lodge of Switzerland;
Grand Lodge of France;
Grand Lodge of Brazil;
Grand Lodge of Argentina;
Grand Lodge of Equador;
Grand Lodge of Peru;
Grand Lodge of Columbia;

and an exchange of representatives effected.

In the approval of amendments to Lodge Bylaws, it is noted that sanction is given to discontinuance of meetings in the months of July and August.

The report of the Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. W. Bro. J. Melvin Dresser, P.G.M., and we congratulate him on his initial effort. His review of Alberta is an excellent resume of our 1937 Proceedings, the essential features being brought out, and altogether we thank him for his review and his kindly references.

M. W. Grand Master—Alexander McIntosh.
R. W. Grand Secretary—J. Melvin Dresser.

W.I.

NEW JERSEY

The One Hundred and Fifty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was held in Trenton on the 20th and 21st April, 1938, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Harrey E. Hutchison, presiding.

The meeting was well attended as 274 lodges were represented and eight sister Grand Jurisdictions were represented by distinguished visitors therefrom. Alberta was not represented although 71 other jurisdictions answered the roll call.

An Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge was held on the 19th June, 1937 at Bound Brook, New Jersey, at which the Grand Master presided, for the purpose of honoring one of the founders of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. On this occasion a bronze tablet on the gravestone of R. W. William McKissask was unveiled, this brother having been one of the P.D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge and one of the founders of it.

The Grand Master gave a lucid account of the year's work disclosing a very busy year for him in that he, besides his regular duties, made 105 visitations of a Masonic nature. He also mentioned that all constituent lodges had observed the 150th Anniversary of the signing and ratification of the Constitution of the U.S A. Charitable work and the work of the Bureau in placing applicants in employment were maintained in splendid manner.

One comment of the Grand Master, that is with reference to the lodges reducing the initiation fee, is of particular interest as such is the tendency in Alberta. And the following timely remark in this connection is quoted from the Grand Master's address: "Not by any means should a high fee be the standard of admission. Rather the high requirement should be the ability of a petitioner to pass the most rigid and searching investigation into his private life and conduct."

An historical treat is contained in the address of R. W. Bro. David McGregor, Grand Historian, on the history of the foundation of the Constitution of the United States. He mentions the active part taken by active Masonic members.

Addresses from different of the distinguished visitors from other Grand Lodges appear in the Proceedings, all of which are most interesting and containing good advice and timely suggestions such as the following taken from the address of M. W. Bro. Klinck, G.M. of New York: "I wonder if it is not our functions, as members of this great Fraternity, to go to the head of the river of human flow and seek to purify it by real service to God and real service to man." The address of R. W. Bro. C. H. Claudy, J. G. Deacon of the District of Columbia, is particularly recommended as an emphasis of what is wanted by us, "Liberty", such as we still enjoy on the North American Continent.

R. W. Bro. David McGregor very generously reviewed the Proceedings of Alberta.

284 Lodges. 77,488 Members. 2,302 Loss.

M. W. Grand Master—Arthur M. Dietrich.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Isaac Cherry, Trenton.

J.A.L.

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NEW MEXICO

The Sixtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was held at Albuquerque on the 18th, 19th and 20th October, 1937 with M. W. Bro. Raymond E. A. Drolet presiding.

The brethren representing 37 of the 63 lodges in the jurisdiction were warmly welcomed by Bro. Chas. H. Lembke, the Honorable Mayor of the City of Albuquerque. Alberta was not represented.

The Fifty-ninth Communication had been held in March, 1937, so that the proceedings of the present Communication comprised only an eight month period, but which was quite an active period. The Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. George L. Machen, presented a very encouraging report intimating the constituent lodges were receiving more petitions than in the past several years, which is a desirable condition and one which any jurisdiction would like to enjoy.

The Grand Master in his address mentioned that representatives to all Grand Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico had been appointed and asked all other jurisdictions to appoint representatives to their Grand Lodge. Your reviewer acknowledges with thanks his appointment as representative of New Mexico in the Alberta jurisdiction. M. W. Bro. Drolet refused a dispensation to one of the lodges to hold an outdoor meeting at which a degree was to be conferred, stating he was somewhat inclined to be conservative in departing from the established custom of meeting in tyled rooms, and no doubt the majority would heartily agree with such a ruling.

The Grand Master in his address referred to world conditions of today and left a very worthy thought in the following words: "Conditions are now here like God intended them to be and if we implore His blessings more fully may not Masonry be a part of the leaven which will bring about the Fatherhood of God and Brothernood of man."

A very pleasing event and one worthy of mention occurred when the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. A. A. Keen, who has served faithfully and diligently in that office for the past 53 years, was duly honored and recognition given to his splendid work as Grand Secretary when on the unanimous vote of Grand Lodge he was created an Honorary Past Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. John Milne, P.G.M., in his report on Foreign Correspondence counsels the brethren, and it applies equally to all of us, in the preservation of our democratic form of government and thus preserving our Freemasonry, for Masonry as he states, has flourished only in the countries where the people rule. This is timely advice which we in other Grand Jurisdictions no doubt heed and agree with and through a united effort we can without doubt preserve this great heritage.

In the interesting review of the Proceedings of other Jurisdictions by M. W. Bro. John Milne, the Alberta Communications of 1936 and 1937 are fully covered.

M. W. Grand Master—Alva L. Hamilton.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque.

J.A.L.

NEW YORK

One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Annual Communication held in New York, May 3rd, 1938. M. W. Bro. Jacob C. Klinck, Grand Master.

Among a huge gathering of distinguished guests were no less than ten Grand Masters as well as heads of the Royal Arch, the Templars, the Scottish Rite and the Grand Council, R. & S.M. Two distinguished visitors from Bermuda were also present.

In opening his address, in a word to those attending Grand Lodge for the first time, the Grand Master remarks:

"Careful attention given by members to the reports of our committees is an essential to a clear understanding of what, at the moment, is before Grand Lodge for its action. It always has been, and always will be, the fixed determination of Grand Lodge to win, and to hold, the confidence of the Craft. Grand Lodge has no secrets to withhold from its members; we all are co-partners in one great common enterprise of service to mankind within our sphere. With us the majority rules, the minority submits, and cheerfully co-operates to make effective the expressed will of Grand Lodge decided by a majority vote.

If in this great body each one of us functions in harmony with the intent of our rules there can be no misunderstandings to confuse the Craft."

All of which is sound direction for any Grand Lodge.

During "these latter years it has been the policy of (this) Grand Lodge to be cautious and conservative in the matter of dispensations for new Lodges" but one dispensation to Renaissance Lodge was issued during the year. The Lodge is making its appeal to the sons of brethren who have come to New York from other lands. Dual membership on the part of the fathers will also be encouraged.

As regards financial conditions, the Grand Master reports: "With keen satisfaction we note and record a material improvement in the financial condition of our Lodges over their condition a year ago, an improvement reflected, not alone in the meeting of money obligations, but in the morale of the Lodges as given expression in renewed activities of Masonic service."

On the perennial subject of Gambling, Grand Master Klinck speaks to the point:

"Insofar as these things are forbidden by the law of the land, Masons, obligated to obey that law, cannot indulge in them. Insofar as they are on the borderline between what is lawful and what is unlawful, Masons should scrupulously avoid them, and thereby avoid the risk of bringing shame upon the Fraternity; in other words, we should abstain from 'gambling' with the decisions of the law courts, lest we guess wrong and bring dishonor to Freemasonry.

"There is room for differences of opinion on the moral value, or absence of it, of things on which the law is silent. As to these, each individual must consult his conscience; but as to those things which the law outlaws, Masonic Lodges and their members are under the sworn duty to protect and preserve the honor of the Craft, as

well as their own, by conduct which cannot successfully be challenged as unlawful."

New York has a plan of encouraging Sunday observance among Masons by a "Masonic Sunday" when lodges are urged to organize and attend special Masonic church services. It is reported that "each year these services have won increasing favor and support, identifying Masonry in the public mind with religious fervor and devotion, and emphasizing its religious obligations."

Speaking of Restoration and Recruits, Grand Master Klinck has this to say:

"Also should be encouraged young men of correct standards, particularly sons of Masons, to follow in the pathway of their fathers. To many such, the expense of initiation may be a present bar to membership in our Fraternity. *Our Lodges well may consider the policy of adopting a junior initiation fee for young men within a given age.*" (The italics are ours.)

Later the special Committee on the Grand Master's Address comments: "This belongs properly to the administration of the individual lodges, but the collective impact must, in the long run, be felt by Grand Lodge." With this view the reviewer cordially agrees.

It is highly gratifying, however, to the present reviewer to find his own claims, for which he battled on the floor of our own Grand Lodge a year ago, so ably capped by no less a luminary than the Grand Master of New York.

It may be of interest to M. W. Bro. Klinck and his brethren to know that the reviewer's own lodge, Strathcona No. 77, has done exactly what he proposes, grading its initiation fee in three steps, approximately one half from ages 21 to 28; three quarters from ages 29 to 35 and the full fee thereafter. Even in the short time since the By-Laws were amended the results have been encouraging. The lodge which has not had an initiation in two years has, at the moment, three applicants ranging in age from 24 to 31 years.

On the need for high grade men as lodge officers, the Grand Master neatly summarizes the whole story:

"Rapidly it is becoming an accepted truth that not only is training essential to a successful discharge of their duties by Lodge officers, but also that education in the background of Masonry makes for a higher enjoyment of all its functions.

"A service of inestimable value to Masonry will have been rendered when it has become a tradition that men must enter upon their Mastership fully equipped for their task. Then will a new quality of leadership in our lodges have developed, and Masonry will mount to new heights. "Stream-lined" is a phrase used by a brother to describe the efficiency with which his lodge was being conducted by a Master elevated to the East after due preparatory training. The Craft, to hold its place in a world in which a high degree of technical training is demanded of men in positions of leadership, will have to be "stream-lined" in the execution of its functions, and this can be only through men equipped for their tasks."

Study Clubs and Speaking Clubs where brethren are instructed in the lore of the Craft and then aided to impart their knowledge

to others by the spoken word are features of New York's educational work.

The Grand Master's Medal to the Masonic brother who had made an outstanding contribution in the field of fine arts was awarded to Bro. Daniel Carter Beard, Master of Woodcraft, Artist and Author.

On Funeral Rites the Grand Master suggests: "It is a mistaken notion that it is the duty of the Worshipful Master personally to conduct the Masonic funeral service when the Lodge is requested to officiate. Rather it is his duty to see to it that the brother best qualified to discharge this sacred duty is assigned the task." In this we cordially concur.

In presenting his report and statistics, the Grand Secretary reports a "slight note of encouragement" in the figures.

Applications for recognition from:

The Grande Loge de France in Paris,

Gran Logia "Independiente Mexicana" of Mexico, D.F., and

Gran Logia Independiente "Cosmos" of Chihuahua,

were held over without prejudice.

The Grand Lodge of Minaes and Geraes of Brazil was declared not recognized. Fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Paraiba were terminated.

A special Grand Master's medal was presented to R. W. Bro. Jean Sibelius, the great composer. The medal with appropriate citation has been forwarded to Finland for presentation.

There is a very full report on Foreign Correspondence from the introduction to which the following paragraphs are selected:

"Anti-Masonic agitation and action has become widespread without any apparent provocation. Where Dictatorships are in control, opposition to the principles of Freemasonry is quite natural. The result has been suppression of Masonic Lodges in several countries where national absolutism has risen to supreme power.

"Serious examination of our loyalty to Masonic foundation principles never was more emphatically needed than right now. Whatever circumstances and provocations there may be, political discussions and acts are forbidden by our Constitution as violations of the fundamental law of the Fraternity.

"Our hearts may ache, and they do, when we hear of the dissolution by governmental act of Masonic Jurisdictions which have been working loyally in conformity with the cited law. But they must not yield to temptations to cross the line forbidding political acts and discussions."

Alberta receives generous and very friendly recognition.

Lodges, 1,036. Membership, 262,044. Loss, 7,052.

M. W. Grand Master—Dana B. Hellings, Buffalo.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Charles H. Johnson, New York City.

A.M.M.

NEW SOUTH WALES

The period under review is the year ending June, 1938, during which there were two special and four quarterly communications of the Grand Lodge taking some twelve hours in all.

The Editor and compiler are to be congratulated on the style of the printing and general lay out of the Proceedings. Headings are all in large type, as are personal names; the lines are leaded; the type is large, and all these render the task of reading very agreeable.

The M. W. Grand Master, who also occupies a very exalted position in the Government of the Commonwealth, was unable to be present at all the communications and had to be represented by deputy. On the occasions on which he presided in person he made two statements of particular interest. Referring to a meeting of the Grand Lodge of England where he was present he mentioned that His Majesty King George departed from precedent in that he was present at a Grand Lodge meeting, something that no reigning sovereign had done before. It was on this occasion that His Majesty was invested with the rank of Past Grand Master. The other pronouncement of the Grand Master referred to a visit made by him to the mandated territory of New Guinea, perhaps one of the most uncivilised portions of the earth's surface. It gave the Grand Master peculiar pleasure to find that even if there were no lodges as yet he met several groups of Masons in places where administration centred or where commercial enterprise had commenced its operations. And notwithstanding the many calls on his time, and his prolonged absence, the Grand Master was present in person at meetings of private lodges; was able to visit some of the charitable institutions maintained by the Order, and to personally visit old members who were precluded by infirmity from attending their lodges.

Where his officers deputised for the Grand Master their reports are printed at length and form very interesting reading. The same may be said of the report of the Grand Inspector, an official who is responsible for the work of what we call District Deputies. All of these indicate that there is wise and kind leadership, and as a consequence loyal support, and that first preliminary to the exercise of the virtue of charity—self-discipline.

The quarterly reports of the Board of General Purposes are also instructive. This body is endowed with great powers of supervision. It passes on Bye-laws of Lodges, formation of New Lodges, exclusions for unmasonic conduct and expulsions. It also seems to have something to say in the admission of new members to lodges, for several times we are informed that it consented or declined to consent to the initiation of candidates. Five cases involving punishments were brought before it. Three in which a brother had been convicted in court of felony. One in which a brother had committed adultery, and one for an offence of behaviour in lodge. Its decisions are, of course, subject to an appeal to Grand Lodge, but in the great majority of cases they are upheld. Very vigorous protests against its recommendation are recorded, one of which was upheld during the year. In this jurisdiction the Constitution gives no choice to the lodges in matters where a brother has been convicted in Court. They are required to report same with their opinion on the matter to the Board of General Purposes.

An interesting amendment was made to the Constitution during the year which provides that before an application for Initiation can

be ballotted on or a degree conferred, enquiry shall be made of SUCH LODGE OR LODGES within whose jurisdiction the applicant has resided during the previous seven years. Evidently the portals will be well tyled.

Another matter of interest appears. A charge of unmasonic conduct was tried by a lodge which acquitted the accused brother. The Worshipful Master did not approve of this decision, and appealed to the Board of General Purposes which in turn sustained the appeal, recommended expulsion to the Grand Lodge which confirmed their recommendation. Evidently the lodge does not have complete jurisdiction in these matters. And presumably they would be compelled to retain in their membership a member of whom they did not approve.

In the last review of the New South Wales Proceedings reference is made to "a most unprecedented occurrence" a charge that a M. W. Brother had violated the truth. This matter was referred to the Grand Master who completely exonerated the accused brother and severely censured the accuser. From the names mentioned one would deduce an origin in the "disthressful counthry."

The member Lodges number 608, of whom six were constituted in the year under review. Total membership is 60,000. The invested funds of the Grand Lodge amount to approximately $1,750,000.00. The annual assessments paid by the lodges to Grand Lodge are interesting from the fact that the contribution to the Benevolent and Educational funds are vastly in excess of those made for General purposes. The figures are as follows, approximately in dollars:

General purposes	$12,000.00
Benevolent Fund	36,000.00
Masonic Schools	56,000.00

These contributions are, of course, obligatory. And in addition the voluntary contributions amount to a considerable sum. Thus there was contributed to the Orphans' Society some $3,000.00; to the School Welfare Fund some $3,200.00; to the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution some $9,000.00. And in addition to those mentioned there are several other voluntary subscriptions among which may be mentioned a contribution of some $100.00 from "the brethren of the Aorangi." This presumably is the motor ship of that name which travels regularly between Vancouver and Australian ports. Evidently the spirit of sacrifice is strong in the idea of charity as entertained by our brethren in New South Wales.

As a result the various institutions are doing good work. The Masonic Convalescent Home treated 43 patients during the year. The Masonic Schools have 243 students. After these arrive at the age of 16 years and leave the school the Welfare Fund is used for their establishment in employment and their further technical education, and there was expended for this purpose some $9,000.00 in the year. The Freemasons Benevolent Institution paid out to annuitants some $45,000.00 which is additional to any funds expended by the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge. The Masonic Hospital was instituted in 1931, and during the 7 years of its existence it treated 5,373 patients of which, 4,208 were surgical cases. Many of the patients paid the whole or portion of the costs. It is of interest to note that among the sources of support granted to the Hospital appears some $2,000.00 from the profits of the Masonic Hall in Sydney, No details are given as to the

number of orphans in care of the Orphans' Society, but its outlay for the year was some $8,000.00. And in addition the Grand Lodge gave from its funds some $5,300.00 to Public Institutions of a charitable or educational nature.

In regard to Educational subjects of interest to the Craft there are 17 Masonic Lecturers recorded, with the subject entrusted to each. If the Masons of New South Wales are uninformed on Masonic subjects the fault does not lie with the Grand Lodge.

The Foreign Correspondence is not treated by reporting on each Grand Body. Instead the activities of Grand Lodges all over the world are treated under topical heads such as Jurisprudence, Libraries, Education, Charity, Poetry, etc. One of these under the caption of the "Duties of the Master of a Lodge" consists of a pronouncement by the Grand Master of Alberta. Those interested in Masonic education might find it worth while to use any of these reports as a basis for interesting and instructive lectures and addresses. The attitude of Masonry on the subject of international peace and co-operation is treated at length. And it is of interest to note that the Mother Grand Lodge of England recognizes 127 Grand Bodies, and has applications for recognition of 27 more, mostly from Spanish and Portuguese America.

On the whole, the Craft in New South Wales is to be congratulated on its progress not only in what may be measured in figures, but on the spirit which prevails amongst and influences the lives of its members.

W.R.D.

NORTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Fifty-first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, at Raleigh on April 11th, 1938, with M. W. Bro. Watson N. Sherrod, Grand Master in the East.

The Foreign Correspondent, R. W. Bro. J. Edward Allen, Senior Grand Warden for 1938 and Deputy Grand Master for 1939, was present. Alberta was not represented at the Communication.

Several distinguished visitors were present and were received with Grand Honors.

192 lodges were represented at this Communication by 377 delegates

A Special Communication was held at Raleigh on May 28th, for the purpose of paying the last sad tribute to the memory of Bro. John A. Livingstone, Grand Historian.

The Proceedings covering this 151st Annual Communication have been enlarged this year in relation to the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of the previous year and many extremely interesting sections have been included dealing with the early history and inception of Masonry in North Carolina. This tome contains a wonderful amount of reading matter which should be particularly interesting to our brethren in the Carolinas.

M. W. Bro. Watson A. Sherrod, Grand Master, gave a very able and complete report of the year's stewardship. The Grand Master

pays a worthy tribute to the efficient services given by the D.D.G.M.'s, saying: "Masonically speaking, it would be absolutely impossible for a Grand Master to perform the duties incumbent upon that high office without the efficient services of a competent corps of District Deputies. In the spreading of the true aims and objectives of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master is dependent upon his personal representatives in each of the several districts of the State. It is impossible for him to visit each and every lodge, and only through the District Deputies is he able to promulgate those ideals which are most essential to him and to the Craft." Several of our own Grand Masters have expressed themselves in like manner in appreciation of the able services of the hard-working D.D.G.M.'s.

The major objective of the Grand Master's programme was the reclamation of Masons who had been suspended for non-payment of dues. Over 10,000 Masons had been suspended in the last five years and this constituted a major work of reclamation. Through the cooperation of the officers of subordinate lodges in this particular work the greatest number of re-instatements had been made in the history of this Grand Lodge. "Non-affiliated Masons are liabilities to the Fraternity rather than assets, and most suspended Masons do not feel kindly towards the Fraternity; rather they feel that they have been unjustly treated," said the Grand Master.

Sound business methods in handling the financial affairs of the lodge is advocated by Grand Master Sherrod. He urges that committees be appointed to assist in the collection of dues of delinquent members. Subordinate lodges indebted to Grand Lodge was another problem handled in an efficient manner by the Grand Master, but we are in accord with his sentiments when he states that the dignity of the office of Grand Master cannot be upheld if it is to continue being used as a collecting agency.

In connection with celebration of the Sesqui-Centennial of the Constitution of the United States of America, a very unique arrangement was made by the Grand Master when he requested all lodges in North Carolina to call special communications and arrange for radio reception facilities so that all members could hear the address of the Hon. W. E. Borah, an outstanding authority on the Constitution.

Grand Master Sherrod made the request that R. W. Bro. J. E. Allan obtain sketches of the lives of the Past Grand Masters for the first fifty years of existence of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Great efforts were necessary to obtain this information at this date and a warning might be interjected here that the younger Grand Lodges should take heed and see that a complete history of each Grand Lodge and each Grand Master is prepared and accumulated for posterity. The Grand Master makes this observation: "We have been entirely too negligent in preserving our records and today it is extremely difficult to learn the early historical facts of this Grand Lodge." The question naturally arises in the mind of your reviewer, . . . what will the situation be in Alberta 100 years hence?'

Operating lotteries and gambling devices by Masonic bodies is still a source of worry and trouble. M. W. Bro. Sherrod summarizes his sentiments in a few words, which are worthy of repetition: "Brethren, although Masonry needs money in order to carry on the financial responsibilities of our Fraternity, yet it does not need money raised

by gambling. Our Fraternity's fair name must be, and shall be, steered clear of such methods. Our brethren must realize that Masons cannot resort to such methods, for if we do, our usefulness will not prosper and our efforts will be in vain." The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the vigorous manner in which the Grand Master had handled this problem.

Appropriate appreciation for the co-operation and assistance rendered by Grand Secretary Bro. J. H. Anderson is ably expressed by the Grand Master in the following words: "For any organization to properly function it is as necessary to have a capable and efficient secretary as it is to have an efficient head."

Speaking on the question of the violation of the moral and Masonic laws the Grand Master handled this delicate subject in a "straight from the shoulder" manner that appeals to your reviewer. He says, "In some of our lodges the officers, and, indeed, the brethren, too, are remiss in the performance of their duties with respect to prosecution for the violation of the moral and Masonic laws. So lax have they become, in some instances, that members appear on the rolls of lodges in good standing, while in fact such members are serving terms of imprisonment . . . . in the jails or penitentiaries of our land. This condition of affairs brings discredit to the fair name of Masonry and lays at the door of officers and members of the offending lodges an irrefutable charge of lack of knowledge of, or disregard for, the laws covering such cases, or a reluctance to prosecute the offender because of a mistaken idea of loyalty and friendship, or a lack of moral courage to face the issue. My Brethren, these things ought not so to be. The Masonic Law is plain. The duty of the brethren, and especially of the Masters and Wardens, is inescapable. The failure to prosecute where offenses have been committed is, of itself, an offense against Masonry. To see that the law is enforced in a given lodge is primarily, the duty of the Master. I call upon the Masters of the lodges represented here to go back to their respective lodges and ascertain if a house-cleaning therein is necessary, and if such shall be found, then for your own sakes, for the good of your lodge and in the cause of Masonry, see that the law is complied with and that offending brethren are dealt with in accordance with such law."

One of the recommendations made by the Grand Master would, in our humble opinion, go a long way towards solving the problem of trials for Masonic offenses, and that is to adopt a Grand Lodge Commission form of trial. Quote: It is generally admitted that the present form of trial by subordinate lodges is, at best, unsatisfactory. I am convinced that it is time for the Grand Lodge to take concurrent jurisdiction over all Masonic offenses and adopt a Grand Lodge Commission form of trial to deal with them, ... This would not, in my opinion, transgress any of the rights and prerogatives of the Craft and the results in the future will prove more satisfactory to all concerned." The Committee on Jurisprudence commended the Grand Master for his presentation on this subject and requested that this portion of the Address be read in all lodges.

The "Oration" by W. Bro. B. W. Parnham, Grand Orator, is worthy of repetition here but to quote it in full would extend this review beyond reasonable limits but we can earnestly recommend it to the readers of this review. A splendid address and one containing many fundamental truths.

Two other sections of the Proceedings which are worthy of commendation are "THE HISTORICAL REVIEW OF FREEMASONRY IN NORTH CAROLINA — The Beginning and Early History" by W. Bro. Alexander W. Aitkinson, Grand Historian, and "THE MASONIC REVOLUTIONARY PATRIOTS OF NORTH CAROLINA" by Marshall DeLancey Haywood. The preparation of these sections show great care in the marshalling of facts.

The sketches of Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina from 1787 to 1840 were prepared by R. W. Bro. J. Edward Allen at the request of the Grand Master and make very interesting reading. In compiling this section of the Proceedings Bro. Allen certainly found great difficulty in obtaining the facts pertaining to the very early Grand Masters, and surely the younger jurisdictions should take heed and see that no brother in the distant future will have the same trouble in obtaining early histories. We wish to quote R. W. Bro. Allen's own words: "It is regrettable that there was not placed on contempory record some sketch and appreciation of each Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina as he passed across the stage of Masonic drama in its continuous flow. Each decade as it has passed into history has made it increasingly difficult to learn and to appraise the facts," Historians take heed!

Another very interesting section of this voluminous but important Sesqui-Centennial Book of the Grand Lodge is the report of the Foreign Correspondent and Reviewer, R. W. Bro. J. Edward Allen. This section contains complete and interesting reviews of the Proceedings of 38 "State" Grand Lodges and also a "Bird's Eye View of Masonry in Foreign Countries," Alberta receives a very courteous review from Bro. Allen who speaks with a knowledge of our fair Province, having already visited Alberta on three different occasions and "wishes for an opportunity to pay a fourth visit." Bro. Allen notes that in our list of 67 Grand Representatives 45 of these are from the Cities of Calgary and Edmonton and the balance of 22 from other small places, all of which Bro. Allen has apparently visited. The Foreign Correspondent concludes his review with a section of statistical tables which cover the facts relating to Masonry not only in his own State but practically in the whole Masonic World—a most interesting compendium of facts covering the past eleven years. While we realize that statistics are "taboo" in this review still we feel that we must encroach on the space allotted to quote a part of R. W. Bro. Allen's "Greetings.": "Sumarizing the last eleven years alone the losses run only to some 20% for Symbolic Masonry in the United States. If we add to these eleven years the nine years immediately preceding, we shall find a net gain that is not far from healthy for a couple of decades. The long range view shows us that the whole picture is not so frightening after all."

Bro. Allen continues: "One matter we think is going to give us great cause for study; we refer to the small number of additions to our membership. There is no doubt in this writer's mind of the fact that this is a much more serious matter than the suspensions. Unless there is an acceleration of the rate of accessions by initiation we are in danger of dry-rot. Every year the average age of our membership goes higher, even as you and I are getting older. The rate of initiation does not keep pace with the death rate, not to speak of other losses. The conservatism of men of mature age is a beautiful thing, and fits well into the tradition of Freemasonry, but we need new blood in the organization. None realized this more fully than the older members themselves.

How many times have we had reason to know that the older members were feeling the burden of having to do the carrying on that others younger should have been present and available to shoulder. While nobody wants anything that smacks of any sort of campaign for new members, yet it is undoubtedly true that Masonry will have in some way to renew its old and steady attraction to younger seekers after truth. We are inclined to believe that Masonry is going to have to do something for the youth of the land . . . . not as a bait to catch them, but as a means of doing its duty towards the civilization around us. If the younger generation gets the feeling that Masonry is fulfilling its duty to youth and society, then youth will as manhood come to us. If on the other hand youth feels that Freemasonry is merely the inane pet hobby of a lot of middleage or old men, then the generation that ought to come to us will not do so—and there is a suspicion of this feeling to-day." Well said, Brother Allen.

There is much more we would like to quote from Bro. Allen's "Greetings" but space allowance forbids.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Harry Thomas Patterson.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. John H. Anderson.

Membership: 44 Lodges; 26,886 Members. Decrease, 175.

W.H.C.

NORTH DAKOTA

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication was held at Fargo on June 21 and 22, 1938, in the most debilitating heat and humidity. Grand Master Charles M. Pollock presided.

The Flags of the United States and of Canada were introduced and suitably honored at the opening of the Grand Lodge. R. W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, D.G.M., R. W. Bro. G. R. Calvert, G.J.W., and M. W. Bros. Wm. Douglas, H. T. Woods, and J. T. Boyd, all of Manitoba, were among the distinguished visitors. Alberta's representative W. Bro. W. J. Hutcheson was present. M. W. Bro. L. B. Hanna, the sole surviving charter member of the Grand Lodge was introduced and honored. Five veterans of more than 50 years' membership were present.

In his excellent address the Grand Master stressed the need for a better acquaintance with Masonry by members of the Craft. He paid sixty-six official visits during his year of office, including two to Winnipeg and six to joint United States and Canadian lodge meetings. In his rulings he had condemned a gambling scheme sponsored by an organization composed entirely of Masons. He sketched many of the activities of the Grand Lodge and closed on this note: "My year in office has further convinced me of the stability and decency of our Order and has further strengthened my belief in mankind."

During the year two lodges celebrated their fiftieth anniversaries and two lodges were disbanded. Death took a heavy toll again, which included R. W. Bro. Otto Bauer, Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

Both the teaching and the administrative sides of the work in North Dakota are well handled. Drastic economies have been practiced to the extent of reducing the expenditures of Grand Lodge by 40 per cent in ten years. Only five regular grants are made from relief funds, one of these being to a brother who served in the Canadian forces overseas. All persons handling Grand Lodge funds are bonded. Like many Grand Lodges they pay mileage to Grand Lodge for officers and official representatives attending Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary's report points out the necessity for some increase in expenditures.

It is in the field of Masonic Service and Education that North Dakota can show something to most of the other Grand Lodges. The library is a major activity and is under the direction of an enthusiastic woman, Miss Richards, who was made an Honorary Member of the Masonic Veterans Association of North Dakota during the year and presented with a certificate of membership. She has been in charge of this work for twenty-three years and this year 4,438 books from the library were sent to 146 towns, including Neepawa, Manitoba. Only 370 of these were Masonic books. A special Library night was held in each lodge of the jurisdiction during the year and a voluntary contribution of more than $200.00 was received from this source.

A major activity in the field of education is the oratorical contest sponsored by the Grand Lodge. 1,500 High School boys and girls entered and the six finalists spoke at a special gathering on the evening of the first day of Grand Lodge. Other services rendered by individual lodges included: publishing news bulletins, aiding De Molay chapters, sponsoring thirty troops of Boy Scouts, entertaining groups of teachers, a spelling contest, paying camp expenses of Girl Guides, farming a quarter section, presenting a medal to the Local High School honor student, banquetting the High School Graduates of the county, opening the lodge library to the public and financing a penniless artist and blacksmith who since has had a picture in the National Exhibition of American Art in New York City and has made two iron horses which are to be placed at the entrances to Roosevelt Park. A cottage with 16 beds at the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium and a cabin with 25 beds at the Sanitarium convalescent camp were provided by North Dakota in former years. Historical sites in the state connected with Masonry or Masons are looked after and there are many other activities which have not been listed here.

M. W. Bro. Walter H. Murfin presented his tenth annual review of Foreign Correspondence which included in the courteous Alberta review a portion of M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay's address. The National Grand Lodge of Denmark was recognized and an exchange of representatives will be sought.

A special committee was set up to make the arrangements for the Fiftieth Communication which is to be held at Grand Forks on June 19, 20 and 21, 1939.

Lodges, 124. Members, 11,456. Decrease, 413.

M. W. Grand Master—Robert E. Trousdale, Mott.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo.

F.P.G.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Seventy-third Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was convened at the City of Halifax on Wednesday the 8th June 1938 with M. W. Bro. N. T. Avard, Grand Master presiding.

We regret to note that the Representative for Alberta did not answer the Roll Call.

The Grand Master reports that he feels that this was a wonderful year for Masonry throughout his Grand Jurisdiction. That the lodges were not only concerned with their own welfare, but enlarged their scope and endeavoured to strenghten the bonds of Masonry throughout the world.

The address of the Grand Master is largely an account of his stewardship but he manages to instil some good philosophy into his work when he tell us to find through our Craft the abundant life. "Having regard for the very principles that form the life blood of Masonry, let each realize that he has personal duties to perform. Let us not merely talk about them in our parlors but try to show in practical fashion that we intend each to do his part in solving the problems that confront us."

The Grand Secretary reports a loss of 110 members.

Nova Scotia operates the only Masonic Home in Canada and the report of the Trustees show the institution to be in a very satisfactory condition with the exception of the matter of finances. A plea is made for greater generosity of the brethren towards this worthy object.

This Grand Lodge is indeed very fortunate in having M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris as its Grand Historian. He is not only an author of some note but is also an able and interesting speaker and his report to Grand Lodge indicates that he has done a considerable amount of work in an endeavour to present an up to date history of his Jurisdiction.

A very interesting report is presented by the Committee on Foreign Relations. While no new applications for recognition were received, the situation in Brazil was reviewed and inasmuch as this country has come under the influence of the Fascist regime, negotiations with the Grand Lodges there were suspended. Instead of three Grand Lodges being recognized in Columbia, these have been able to get together and now serve under one Grand Master.

The Fraternal Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. James C. Jones, who presents a very sympathetic review of Alberta for 1937. He commends M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay on his address and quotes his reference to "Old Country" Masonry.

Perhaps the "high light" of the 1938 proceedings of this Grand Lodge is the Special Communication held in Halifax from July 10th to 13th to mark the Bi-centenary of the founding of Masonry on what is now known as the Province of Nova Scotia. The gathering included many distinguished guests, among whom were a party from the British Isles representing the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, many Grand Lodges of the United States sent representatives as did several of the Provinces of Canada. A very interesting programme to mark this celebration was carried out, a complete report of which is contained within the proceedings and we would like to congratulate Nova

Scotia and its Grand Master on the achievement attained. We also had the pleasure and privilege of entertaining the British Delegation and derived much benefit from their visit.

M. W. Grand Master—Norman T. Avard.
R. W. Grand Secretary—James C. Jones.

W.I.

OHIO

The Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio convened in its One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, Cincinnati at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 1938

Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present, several distinguished visitors were welcomed and nearly sixty Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions.

It was with pleasure that we noted that M. W. Bro. L. B. Blakemore had sufficiently recovered from his accident to be present. The sympathy of the brethren of Alberta is extended to M. W. Bro. Blakemore and Mrs. Blakemore because of the serious injuries sustained and the sincere hope expressed that they have been restored to full health again. The reviewer appreciates deeply the unfortunate occurence as he was Grand Master at the same time as M. W. Bro. Blakemore and also had a car accident during his term which kept him from work for some time, although very minor in comparison. Our best wishes to M. W. Bro. Blakemore.

How far the energy of M. W. Bro. Blakemore would have carried him if his health had permitted there is no telling, for in spite of injuries he travelled some 46,000 miles, visited 170 lodges, paying particular attention to smaller lodges, attended the Bi-Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, as well as Indiana, New York, and Wyoming.

The Grand Master's address is a clear and concise presentation of his Masonic work during his year, with many practical suggestions for the Craft. One of these, which surely could well be followed in Alberta, is that visitors should show a card for annual dues when visiting. There appears to be a laxness in many lodges in this respect.

The Masonic Home is a source of pride to the Fraternity in the Grand Jurisdiction of Ohio. It has been built at a cost of $3,800,000.00. The annual cost to maintain and operate this fine Home, with 558 residents, is more than a quarter of a million dollars. This revenue for support is obtained from two sources, $1.20 per capita of membership, and an $8.00 fee from initiates and certain affiliations. It would appear from the Grand Treasurer's report that with a decrease in membership since 1930 these sources have not maintained the revenue at as high a level as desired or necessary.

The Committee on Masonic Service felt that greater understanding of Masonry, its aims and purposes should be provided for the candidates, that lodge officers should be thoroughly instructed in management and conduct of lodges and that interest could be recreated in the entire membership through the use of lodge programs. The work of this com-

mittee suggests that whilst such endeavor is undoubtedly valuable, the good results are not evident at once, but rather "will be reflected in the future by more efficient, enlightened lodges and practical Masonry in our members."

In this jurisdiction the D.D.G.M.'s are appointed by the Grand Masters and the number is left to his discretion. This is contrary to Alberta custom but would seem to make for greater efficiency.

Incorporated in the Grand Lodge Proceedings is a very excellent address by M. W. Bro. James B. Ruhl, P.G.M., on the occasion of the Sesquicentennial Celebration, Marietta, Ohio, April 9, 1938. M. W. Bro. Ruhl showed effectively the remarkable achievements in the development of the Northwest Territory from 1783 to the present states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and a small part of Minnesota. There are now 3,097 lodges with a membership of 697,344—about 20% of lodges and 27% of all Master Masons in the United States. But Bro. Ruhl warned that material prosperity, which prosperity is pleasing to us all, is not the foundation of real greatness. But rather real and true greatness is predicated on the number of men and women, who in their daily lives exemplify characters builded upon four fundamental principles:

1. Upon a belief in a supreme Being.
2. Upon love of country, devotion to the flag and loyalty to Government.
3. Upon the principle of due regard for rights of others.
4. An element of character that makes us loyal to ourselves.

He reminds us that the real business of Masonry is to build characters founded on these principles and in this Masonry associates itself with all other character builders, the Home, the Church, the School and other fraternal organizations in the upbuilding of mankind.

M. W. Bro. Ruhl closes on a high note, extracted from an address of former President Calvin Coollidge: "We do not need more material development; we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power; we need more spiritual power. We do not need more knowledge; we need more character."

Very kindly review was given the Alberta proceedings for 1938.

Membership—174,698. Loss—1,517. Lodges—623.

M. W. Grand Master—Harry Meyer, Columbus.

R.. W. Grand Secretary—Harry S. Johnson, Cincinnati.

C. C. H.

OKLAHOMA

The Thirtieth Annual Communication was held at McAlester on February 8, 9 and 10, 1938. Grand Master Dave H. Wilson, presided.

Twenty P.G.M.'s were in attendance and a large number of representatives of other jurisdictions. Alberta's representative was not present.

The opening ceremonies included an official welcome from the Chamber of Commerce and the presentation to the brethren present of the Grand Master's father who was formally received and escorted to the East.

The Grand Master reported a much improved morale, keener interest and good prospects on the credit side and a further loss of membership on the debit side. During the year seven lodges had been consolidated with seven other lodges. Nine emergent communications of Grand Lodge were convened for the laying of corner stones: two court houses, one municipal building and seven schools (two schools at one communication). Four emergent communications were convened for Masonic funerals.

Among the dispensations granted were two to confer the Master Mason degree in one day less than the statutory time to enable these candidates to become members of classes taking the so-called higher degrees. One dispensation was granted to enable a lodge to hold a joint public installation with the Order of the Eastern Star. These sound a little unusual to Alberta ears.

Oklahoma is included among the jurisdictions which provide the Grand Master with a car for his year of office. This car was presented to him by Grand Lodge on his retirement and an appropriation passed for the purchase of another for the incoming Grand Master, the cost not to exceed $800.00. Another unusual sound to Alberta ears.

A request from a lodge in England to confer the degrees on an American non-resident in England was denied.

A Building Supervisory Board investigates and approves any proposal to buy or build submitted by a constituent lodge where funds are not in hand.

The brethren in Oklahoma take their ritual work very seriously. The Grand Lecturer held 33 schools during the year which ran to 137 days of instruction. The Grand School was attended by 341 brethren and was held on the six days immediately preceeding Grand Lodge.

An exceptionally able and instructive address was delivered to Grand Lodge by the Grand Chaplain, Bro. I. N. McCash, President of Phillips University. He dealt with the trends in world affairs quoting from his personal experience during visits to Russia, Italy and Germany. His sound advice included: "We are likely to feel complacency and security in America, and say, 'While this has happened to other peoples, to Germany, and Italy, it cannot happen to America.' My brethren, that very sense of security is one element of our danger. Masons must be alert and allow no infringement upon the right of free speech, free press, free government and free education."

Masonic Homes for children and for aged people are maintained as the major activity of the Grand Lodge, $60,000.00 out of the $90,000.00 expenditures of the Grand Body being for this purpose. One phase of their training for boys is a modern print shop which prints the Proceedings of Grand Lodge in first class fashion and the Masonic Home News which was adopted at this communication as the official paper of Grand Lodge.

After the brief proceedings of Grand Lodge on Wednesday evening were finished, South McAlester Lodge No. 96 was opened "on the

Master Mason Degree, and the Degree was effectively staged by a team composed of Past Grand Masters. . . . the occasion was much enjoyed and deeply appreciated by all brethren who were privileged to be present."

Death laid a heavy hand on the Grand Lodge officers during the year. R. W. Bro. W. T. Maddux, Grand Lecturer, died in April, and R. W. Bro. F. V. Hurlbutt was appointed by the Grand Master to succeed him. Bro. Hurlbutt died in June. Bro. Hurlbutt received his degrees in Canadian Lodge No. 22 at Canadian, Okla. W. Bro. J. T. Knott, Junior Grand Steward, died during the year. An exceptionally heavy loss was the death a few days before his ninety-first birthday of M. W. Bro. T. C. Humphry, who was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas in 1885-86, and who had been Fraternal Correspondent of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma and before 1909 of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory. Bro. Humphry's thirty-third report on Foreign Correspondence is included in these Proceedings. Alberta's proceedings are mentioned.

A bequest of $47,100.00 was received and transferred to the Charity Foundation.

Lodges, 424. Members, 46,658. Decrease, 1,053.
M. W. Grand Master—John R. Abernathy, Oklahoma City.
R. W. Grand Secretary—Claude A. Sturgeon, Guthrie.

F.P.G.

OREGON

The Eighty-eighth Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon was opened in ample form in the Commandery Room of the Masonic Temple, Park Avenue and Main Street, S.W., Portland, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, June 15, 1938, by M. W. Bro. Carl G. Patterson, Grand Master.

The sessions continued for three days. The next Annual Communication will be held at Portland on June 14, 15, 16, 1939.

Alberta was represented by Bro. Edgar H. Sensenich.

It is very clear from a perusal of the Grand Master's address that he was a very busy man during his year of office. His duties as Grand Master took him away from his practice as a physician for 90 days, during which time he travelled 27,000 miles, delivered 35 addresses, attended 84 meetings, dedicated one Masonic Hall and laid two corner stones. From the opening part of his address we cull the following sentences:

"I accepted the office of Grand Master with a feeling of deep humility and with, I hope, a proper estimate of my ability. I recall the admonition of Bro Theodore Roosevelt, when he said, 'Do what you can with what you have, where you are' This I have tried to do and I now submit for your inspection an account of my stewardship. I have made some mistakes. I leave it to you to say whether or not they were from the heart. Whatever contribution I have made to

Oregon Masonry, if there be such, I leave, also to you for a proper estimate of its worth."

From a reference to the celebration of the United States Sesquicentennial the following paragraph is of interest:

"Why is American Freemasonry interested in the celebration of this Constitution Sesquicentennial? Because, primarily, we are a patriotic organization and are vitally interested in the welfare of our nation. Secondly, because more than one-half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, 29 out of 56, were members of our order, as were four out of five of the committee which formulated the document. Twenty-five signers of the Articles of Confederation were members of our order, as were also eight out of the 13 who prepared them. Of the 55 delegates to the Constitution Convention which participated in the formation of the Constitution, 32 were members of our Order, as were also 21 of the 39 signers."

The Grand Orator, Arthur D. Hay, delivered an oration on the subject of the Perfect Ashlar from which the following paragraphs are culled:

"Freemasonry, rightly understood, and seriously practised, furnishes us with a design for living. There is a tendency in these days to develop innumerable fraternities of one sort or another. These fraternities, in their ritualistic work, perhaps justify their existence by furnishing a measure of beauty, of art, of poetry, and of what passes for religion, to men whose lives would otherwise be drab and colorless, but I feel that there are altogether too many of them. Men and Masons, go back to your Churches and to your Synagogues, and there worship God according to the dictates of your own consciences—but at least worship Him. Do not tell me that Masonry is your religion. You know very well that Masonry is not a religion. Go back to your Churches, and so round out your lives to the full measure of manhood, for I think that man cannot live a full life without religion. If you don't like the way in which the Churches are run, get in there and change things. We have let the women run them too long anyway, and we must remember that they are for men and women both, and for sinners as well as saints. We can all qualify."

"We old fellows know that the road is long, dusty and up-hill most of the way, but we know also that the journey is worthwhile, that the goal is glorious, and that there are some delightful oases along the way where we may rest and refresh ourselves. We know these things, but we must, by precept and example, let the young men see that we know them. We have made our mistakes—many of them—and the youngsters will make theirs. The mistakes do not matter so much in the long run, if only we learn by them and so do better work thereafter. We must remember always, moreover, to conduct ourselves in manner befitting the dignity of our years, and, while treating all brethren upon a level of equality and fraternity, not to seek to curry their favor by acting out of character. A young clown is a cheery fellow, and he has his uses in society. An old clown is an undignified bore. A foul-mouthed young man is a nuisance; a foul-mouthed old man is an abomination!"

In opening his report the Grand Secretary states:

"Again I feel I can report that there is general improvement in the fraternity. The financial condition of the lodges as a whole is improved. Lodge activities, interest and attendance have increased."

Under the heading of "statistics" the Grand Secretary reported a net loss in membership of 251 as against 439 for 1936; 853 for 1935; and 1949 for 1933. Apparently in Oregon as elsewhere the membership is becoming stabilized, and in all probability will soon begin to increase once more.

It is of interest to notice that 29 fifty year buttons were presented during the year to Masons who had received their Master Mason degree more than fifty years ago.

Under the section dealing with educational assistance there is set forth the interesting information that the Grand Jurisdiction has in its educational fund nearly $300,000.00 from the income of which 113 children, representing 73 families, were assisted in securing common school education Since the commencement of this work over $200,000.00 has been used to aid orphan children of Master Masons.

We are accustomed to think of Alberta as having a monopoly on small lodges. Out of the total number of 199 lodges in the state of Oregon 34 have membership of less than 50.

It is noted that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that steps be taken to establish fraternal relations with the Grand Lodges of Norway, Holland and Denmark which recommendation was approved.

There is a very interesting comment in the report of the Jurisprudence Committee to the effect that brethren in arrears for dues should not be reported as having been suspended, inasmuch as suspension is a punishment for a Masonic offence. It is pointed out that under the Oregon code such a member should be reported as having been dropped from the roll rather than suspended.

The Committee on Masonic Education reports very favorably on the Tennessee plan. We would urge any brethren interested in Masonic education to look up the report on Tennessee as embodied in the Proceedings in the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

In the section of the Proceedings devoted to reviews 65 Grand Lodges were dealt with. Among these Alberta receives four pages. Very kind references are made to our Grand Master's address, and in particular our manner of opening Grand Lodge comes in for the following favorable comment:

"To our way of thinking, there is much to be said in favor of this manner of opening Grand Lodge. There is a certain dignity; it lacks the hurry and bluntness of many of the forms of opening that are in use, and through the devotional service clothes it with an air of solemnity and reverence."

In general the volume of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon appears to be almost a model for such publications.

Lodges, 172. Membership, 24,327. Decrease, 247.

M. W. Grand Master—Franklin C. Howell, Board of Trade Building, Portland.

R. W. Grand Secretary—D. Rufus Cheney, Masonic Temple, Portland.

A.E.O.

PENNSYLVANIA

Quarterly and Annual Communications held at Philadelphia during 1938.

On this, the first occasion I have reviewed the Proceedings of this venerable Grand Lodge, on opening the book I was faced with a photograph of the Temple in Philadelphia which instantly recalled the strictest examination for admission as a visitor to a lodge I ever "endured." The lodge was Melita, No. 295, but I have forgotten the names of my examiners. The incident occurred in 1920 or 1921. Fortunately for me I was but recently out of the chair in a York lodge, for these old chaps certainly "gave me the works." And I have more than a suspicion that they had a cracking good time doing it too! My reception was a model of true Masonic hospitality though and somewhere among my souvenirs is a copy of the By-Laws of Melita Lodge presented me as a souvenir of my visit. Happy memory!

It is noted that the Grand Master is "Right Worshipful" in Pennsylvania.

The death of John A. Perry, Grand Secretary since 1911, on November 20th, 1937, is sympathetically recorded, with a complete record of an unusually fine Masonic career.

By extraordinary misfortune, the Grand Lodge was deprived of his successor in office when the Grand Secretary, Harold Norwood Rust died suddenly on July 29th, 1938, only eight months after his election. His long Masonic record is also sympathetically noted.

The presentation of a cheque for $40,000.00 to the Grand Lodge Homes by a generous brother is recorded. The standing edict against applause in Grand Lodge was temporarily suspended for the proper acceptance of the gift. We would have staged a "war-dance."

The long catalogue of bequests, gifts and their use on Masonic Homes and the like is a grand picture of what Masonic Charity really means and is in an old established Jurisdiction.

In the Report of the Committee on the Library appears a note of which we, in this young Jurisdiction, might well take heed:

"The cry of the thoughtful Mason has ever been for more light and it would be of inestimable value to the Grand Lodge and particular interest to the members of the Craft, if each lodge would appoint one of the brethren to write a history of their own lodge and send a copy to the Library, so that the data may be preserved for all time, for many a brother living today may have valuable information in his own mind and not available on paper, that would be impossible to procure elsewhere or at a later date, should this brother suddenly pass away."

An unusual record is the making of a Mason "at sight" when the only son of a District Deputy Grand Master was so honored.

Later at Grand Lodge, another candidate was made a Mason "at sight" which by the record seems to be interpreted as receiving the three degrees, possibly in shortened form, on the same day.

There are no published addresses and no reports of Foreign Relations.

Lodges, 566. Membership, 177,814. Loss, 3,092.

Next Annual Communication, December 27th, 1939, at Philadelphia.

R. W. Grand Master—Robert R. Lewis, Philadelphia.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Matthew Galt, Jr., Philadelphia.

A.M.M.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The Twenty-sixth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was opened on January 25th, 1938, in the Plaridel Masonic Temple in the City of Manila. The members of the Grand Lodge assembled in the Grand Lodge Hall and a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due and Ancient Form, with R. W. Bro. the Deputy Grand Master sitting in the Grand East. Nine P.G.M.'s were then conducted into the lodge room by the Grand Marshall who presented them to the Grand East.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Joseph H. Alley, was then announced by the Grand Marshall, received with Grand Honors, most heartily welcomed by the Deputy Grand Master and conducted to the East where he received the Grand Gavel and assumed his station. He briefly addressed Grand Lodge. An acknowledgment was made on behalf of all the brethren by the Master of Isagani Lodge in suitable terms, after which the roll of Grand Officers was called and a full quorum being present, the Grand Master declared that the Twenty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was ready to proceed with the business that may be brought before it. The Grand Master then appointed assistants for the Grand Tyler and interpreters and assistants for the Acting Grand Secretary, also the usual regular committees, following which the Grand Chaplain offered prayer, and it may be remarked in passing this was a significant Masonic prayer.

It was greatly regretted that the Grand Secretary was unable to be present. He was, unfortunately, obliged to undergo an operation at Mayo Brothers and was unable to arrive in time for the Annual Communication, but had made a good recovery.

The Grand Representatives were then received and addressed by the Grand Master who stated in part, "that in these troubled times we should make ever stronger the ties which bind Masons together, whithersoever dispersed," asking representatives to convey to their respective jurisdictions good wishes and fraternal friendship and desire to co-operate in every way to strengthen the bonds of fraternal brotherhood. W. Bro. F. S. Boomer, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, responded in appropriate terms.

It appears that this Grand Lodge is registered as an incorporated company for at this time a short recess was declared by the Grand Master for the transaction of the business of the corporation known as "The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, Inc." apparently a formal recognition of the act of incorporation.

The Grand Master's address mentions that during the year he made a hundred visitations, while his Deputy made four in his name, and he

regrets exceedingly that he was unable to visit two lodges. One would think that he had done well indeed, but he feels that Grand Lodge visitation is one of the most important duties of the Grand Master. He says that many of the lodges would be better off if they could be visited more than once a year. Several of the lodges he visited had not seen a Grand Master for several years and they deserved more attention from Grand Lodge Officers. Like lodges the world over, a loss in membership has been experienced during the last several years but there is an apparent revival and not only are there more candidates but a considerable number of members who had to drop out are now coming back and he looks forward to a stronger and more vigorous Masonry in the next few years. He finds the lodges working in peace and harmony, many of the provincial lodges are composed of both Filipinos and Americans. His own is one of them and he would like to see more lodges of this description as he believes the co-operation within a lodge of the different elements which compose this Grand Jurisdiction always results in a better balanced organization, better mutual understanding and a stronger fraternal brotherhood, a sane and broadminded way of looking at the question.

He thinks the hardest problem they have to cope with and one which will increase with time is the fact that a large proportion of their membership does not live within the jurisdiction of the lodges to which they belong, and at the same time there are many Masons residing within the jurisdiction of a lodge but belong elsewhere. He has often seen more visitors than members present in some lodges. This is due to the frequent removal by transfer or promotion of officials, either of the government or of business firms. Dual membership is not generally desirable; there is the question of expense to consider as well as sentiment. He recommends, therefore, that any dual member only be required to pay half dues to each lodge.

The work of the District Inspectors is highly recommended. These have much the same duties as our D.D.G.M.'s. He says that they have never had any special regalia for these officers and recommends that Grand Lodge authorize a distinctive regalia for the District Inspector, to be procured by the Grand Lodge office and sold to individual lodges at approximate cost.

He referred at length to the settlement arrived at between the different Grand Lodges operating in China, giving the terms of the agreement in full, which provides for an Advisory Council composed of one representative for each Grand Lodge and which shall advise each of the Grand Lodges concerned regarding any matter which comes before them, but it is not to have any mandatory powers and the subscribing jurisdictions agree not to take any important step affecting Masonry in China without giving due consideration to the recommendations of the majority of the Council as expressed by their vote. Thus a vexatious matter is satisfactorily concluded and harmonious relations resumed.

The Grand Master visited China during May and June at which time their lodges were all prosperous and growing. This was in 1937, when he constituted the District Grand Lodge for China and also constituted a lodge. Conditions, however, today among the District lodges have been greatly changed because of the undeclared war now raging. The lodge he constituted has been able to continue working but all other lodges were compelled to suspend work from September 1st; one resumed labor in October and is still carrying on despite many difficulties in Shanghai; another lodge moved its meeting place to another

town and was able to resume work. While he praises highly the determination and Masonic spirit shown by their brethren in China under such difficulties and dangerous conditions, he feels that Grand Lodge should remit the annual dues of those lodges in China which have not been able to meet their obligations to Grand Lodge, in particular the Nankin Lodge No. 108 and Westlake Lodge No. 113. Both these two lodges have but one or two brethren still residing within the jurisdiction. These brethren are caring for the lodge property as best they may but it is very possible that their property is already destroyed and they cannot tell when their brethren there will be able to return to their homes, which gives one an idea of what is happening in China, but he gives other instances which might be mentioned. W. Bro. Fitch of Nanking stayed on in the city and is still there; he is in charge of the Y.M.C.A; their buildings have been completely demolished and his own home looted. Nevertheless he is still carrying on his efforts to assist the needy, the homeless, the sick and the orphaned. The brethren in China seem to be working hard to relieve the sufferings of humanity in that country and the Grand Master endorses a plea for assistance from the District Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Mei. He then tells of the difficulties which faced many foreigners, particularly women and children, who had to be evacuated from a place without notice. Many of the Americans were sent to Manila. Of course they could not bring much luggage and most of them had no money; quite a few were the families of the brethren of their own lodges but many more were families belonging to many lodges of Grand Jurisdictions in the United States. This being entirely a problem of Americans, the Grand Master called a meeting of American lodges under his own jurisdiction and other American Masonic bodies to consider the situation, and at their request appointed a General Masonic Service Committee which secured contributions of over $4,500.00 with a promise of much more if needed. They met all boats bringing refugees, assisted in having them placed in comfortable homes, advanced whatever funds were necessary for clothing, living expenses and in some cases transportation to the United States. Their expenditures were all made as loans which have been repaid and the Committee has now completed its work and refunded to the donors all subscriptions with the exception of the operating expense which was only a little over $33.00, which was a splendid piece of work.

This Grand Lodge publishes a magazine called "The Cable Tow," a very interesting periodical which has printed many valuable articles on Masonry every year.

The Fraternal Reviews were written at one time by W. Bro. Fischer, who has done the work so well that the Grand Master says it was difficult to secure anyone else to take charge of the work during Bro. Fischer's absence from the jurisdiction, and since his return he has been too busy to undertake it. His reviews were published in "The Cable Tow" and not in the Proceedings as is usual with most of the other jurisdictions. The Grand Master seems to be of the opinion, and I am afraid that he is right, that few of the brethren read the Fraternal Reviews and, as their printing is a considerable item of expense, he left the question of their continuance in the hands of Grand Lodge. It is not clear what Grand Lodge decided to do in the matter but the Committee on Correspondence under the Chairmanship of Bro. Fischer recommends that the Reviews be discontinued. Other correspondents of whom the writer is one, will greatly regret the absence of these Reviews in "The Cable Tow."

J. H. W. S. K.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Sixty-third Annual Communication held at Port Hill, P.E.I., on June 22,, 1938, with Grand Master M. W. Bro. F. Gordon Ives presiding.

M. W. Bro. N. T. Avard, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, was received as a distinguished visitor.

Alberta's representative, V. W. Bro. G. R. Brady, was not registered although he appears to have been invested as Grand Director of Ceremonies for the ensuing term.

Among the proxies registered we note that King Edward Lodge was represented by its W. M. and J. W. while a P. M. held the proxy for the S. W. In Alberta a P. M. may act as proxy only in the absence of all three principal officers. The senior officers present assumes the voting power of those absent.

The Grand Master, in his address, referred to the passing of four Past Grand Masters. Special communications were held to attend the funeral of three, while that of M. W. Bro. Peter Sinclair was held under the direction of the Federal Government officials, M. W. Bro. Sinclair having been a Member of Parliament for Queen's County at the time of his death.

M. W. Bro. Ives mentions the splendid results obtained from a programme he planned for his visitations in which each lodge was required to exemplify—not confer—a specified degree by the *regular* officers of the lodge, Custodians being present at each meeting to advise and direct discussions.

Speaking of Nova Scotia's Bi-centenary, the Grand Master pointed out that Prince Edward Island was the second Province to "pick up the Torch of Freemasonry and carry it on." Freemasonry was born in P.E.I. 157 years ago. The first lodge was instituted in 1797 and Grand Lodge in 1875. They felt a natural pride in the prospect of entertaining a number of distinguished guests from Great Britain and other parts of this continent who were to spend a day on the "Island" while visiting Nova Scotia's anniversary ceremonies.

M. W. Bro. Ives remarks, "The greatness of Masonry is not in its ritual, impressive as that ritual is; it is not in its temples, beautiful as those temples are; it is not in its wealth, vast as that wealth may seem to be;—the greatness of Masonry is in its Fellowship."

Fellowship with a true Masonic background is indeed a greatness and which we too often overlook. With this thought in mind we add another quotation from the Grand Master's address: "Looking into the future, it is my earnest hope that there shall be a continued effort toward the maintenance of those things which have made our Fraternity great in the past, that there shall be a marked strengthening of the moral fibre of our friendship to the end that Freemasonry shall meet every challenge and that it shall survive throughout the coming years as in inspiration to all men to so live that the world shall be better because of its work. Thus we stand in the midst of the world's greatest transition era when, as never before, men need the guiding, steadying influence of infallible Landmarks. . . . Strong men are needed today in National and civic life. Where can we hope to find such men if not in the ranks of our great Fraternity."

M. W. Bro. Pidgeon, in a very short report on Foreign Correspondence, gives a resume of the difficulties confronting Masonry in other countries and points out a lesson to those of us, who, under ideal conditions are but lukewarm Masons.

Considerable space of the Proceedings is taken up by lists of the membership of each lodge and the present membership of Grand Lodge, the total membership of the latter being 313

There is also a brief but interesting history of Alexandra Lodge No. 5 from 1863 to 1938.

A souvenir programme of Prince Edward Island's celebration of the Bi-centenary of Freemasonry in Canada is also embodied in the Proceedings. It contains portraits of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Donald Baker, M. W. Bro. T. Gordon Ives, I.P.G.M., Bro. Col. Geo. D. Deblois, Lt. Governor of the Province, and a view of the Legislative Buildings. A concise history of the Province and one of Freemasonry in that jurisdiction. The programme of entertainment which commenced at 8:15 a.m. appears to have given the visitors a busy day and included a special communication of Grand Lodge at 4:00 p.m., concluding with a dinner at 7:30 p.m.

We note our own Grand Master, M. W. Bro. West, and M. W. Bro. Martland, P.G.M., were among the distinguished guests. Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, eight jurisdictions of the United States and five Provinces of our Dominion were represented.

Lodges, 18. Membership, 1,084. Increase, 2.

The next communication of Grand Lodge to be held in Charlottetown.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Donald Baker, Summerside, P.E.I.

Grand Secretary, R. W Bro. C. M. Williams, Charlottetown.

W.D.

QUEBEC

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was held in the City of Montreal on the 9th of February, 1938, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. D. McFadyen on the Throne. There were five Past Grand Masters present. Alberta was represented by R. W. Bro. C. E. Christie.

We excerpt from the Grand Master's Address on Switzerland:

"Switzerland is a strong Democratic Republic with a population of over 3,000,000, 71% of whom are German, 21% French, and 6% Italian. In religion 58% are Protestants and the balance or 42% are Roman Catholic. A plebicite was submitted to the country as to whether all secret societies should be suppressed, the Masonic Order being especially aimed at. The result it is gratifying to know, was an overwhelming majority in favor of the Masonic and other Orders. Righteousness and Truth has prevailed."

We like the following from M. W. Bro. McFadyen's Address:

"WHO KEEPS MASONRY ALIVE AND GOING? This is a vital question. It challenges our most careful and judicial consideration. Supposing in the business world one should ask who pays our salaries, or in other words, who keeps the business alive and going? I unhesitatingly answer it is the 'customer.' Without the customer there would be no sales—no business. On the same bases of reasoning I ask, 'Who keeps Masonry alive and going?' And I answer unequivocally that it is the customer, or more properly, the prospective Mason—the young man who goes about with seeing eyes and hearing ears. . . . Where does he get his impression never having been in a Masonic Lodge? I answer from you and me and other brother Masons. Our actions betray us. You are Masonry—I am Masonry to him. And what you are and what I am must determine his attitude—his decision. In a very real sense, then, the future of Masonry is determined by the quality of life Masons are exhibiting today before these young men. So it behooves us to take heed to our vows and obligations. For thus may we ourselves be blessed, our youth favorably impressed and Masonry made a dynamic force for righteousness in our midst."

The Grand Master's address appeals to the writer very much.

The Permanent Committee in giving instructions to D.D.G.M.'s recommends that the District Deputies take into consideration the following, regarding weak lodges:

Would you recommend the withdrawal of the warrant?
Would you move it to a better location?
Would you merge it with another lodge?
What should be done with those in good standing on its roll?

Regarding Divine Worship, the Committee on the Condition of Masonry comments as follows:

"The many occasions in which lodges in regalia have assembled for Divine Worship are deeply significant of the fact that Masonry is fundamentally religious and that its great purpose is to fortify men spiritually for the duties of life."

Alberta receives kindly notice from M. W. Bro. E. A. Evans, the Grand Reviewer.

M. W. Bro. Duncan McLellan—Grand Master.
M. W. Bro. Walter W. Williamson—Grand Secretary.

93 Lodges. 13,996 Members. Decrease, 117.

M.M.D.

QUEENSLAND

Seventeenth Annual Proceedings for year ending June, 1938.

M. W. Bro. Sir Leslie Orme Wilson was elected Grand Master for the fourth term.

Four Quarterly and two Special Communications were held during the year. The Grand Master was present "on the Throne" at three of the Communications; he spent part of the year in England, hence his absence from the other Communications.

R. W. Bro. F. W. Buckham, P.A.G.M., Grand Representative for Alberta, was present at all six Communications.

The Pro Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. H. Green, P.G.M., referring to the Grand Master's visit to England, stated that "he was spending a well earned holiday in England" and congratulated His Excellency Sir Leslie Orme Wilson upon the distinguished honor of G.C.M.G., which had recently been conferred on him by His Majesty The King. Our brothers in Queensland feel that the depression is over and the Pro Grand Master makes this statement: "We can, indeed, congratulate ourselves upon the fact that we have weathered the depression, and that the value of Freemasonry is manifesting itself in the increased prosperity of the Lodges and the funds associated with this Grand Lodge. This is evidenced in the fact that during the past twelve months 666 brethren have been initiated and 267 have affiliated with the various Lodges in our jurisdiction."

It will be interesting to our Alberta brethren to know that the Board of General Purposes pass upon all applications for initiation before the local lodges are allowed to ballot, and, in some cases, reject the applications.

Consecration of new lodges, dedication of Masonic Temples and other Masonic Institutions, and Official Visits to adjoining Grand Lodges take up considerable time of the Grand Lodge Officers. Noticeable among these visits is one to the United Grand Lodge of Victoria for the installation of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Lord Huntingfield and the opening of their Masonic Hospital. This institution cost £115,000 and provides accommodation for 60 patients. Another visit by Grand Lodge Officers took four weeks and two days and consisted of a consecration of a new lodge, visits to two District Grand Lodges and nine lodges. The outstanding feature, to your reviewer, of this trip was the acceptance of an invitation to a Masonic Ball where they received 15 debutantes. We have not heard or read of such interesting (?) items in the reports of Alberta Grand Masters, but, perhaps, this is one of the many incidents which are recorded in their thoughts and memories but not in the reports.

We would like to refer briefly to the report given by the Pro Grand Master covering the visits of M. W. Bro. Sir Leslie O. Wilson in England, one of which was to the Albert Hall, London, for the ceremony of conferring the rank of P.G.M. on His Majesty King George VI. We quote: "I now feel I must refer to that magnificent demonstration of eight thousand Masons assembled in the Albert Hall, and presided over by His Majesty King George VI, when he received the rank of P.G.M. of the Mother Grand Lodge of the World. We join wholeheartedly in that expression of loyalty and affection. In this inspiring gathering we see clearly indicated where there is a love of truth, righteousness, freedom, justice and liberty, Freemasonry because of its principles and teachings flourishes, but where we find tryanny, oppression, darkness, ignorance, and disdain for the Golden Rule of life, Freemasonry finds no abiding place."

The Board of Benevolence in one of their Quarterly Reports state that with reference to the brethren in Hospitals each lodge takes care of one or more cases and makes regular visits, which they consider is a good idea for Metropolitan lodges. We, in Alberta, consider our system of taking care of these cases in the Cities through a central visiting committee a very good one, and one which has given satisfaction.

The Pro Grand Master gave a very warm "welcome home" to the Grand Master on his return from England and stated: "The Grand Master did not spare himself but availed himself of every privilege of meeting those in authority under the United Grand Lodge of England and in every way possible advanced the interests of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland." While this review will not be printed before the visit of King George VI to Canada when we hope to have the pleasure of entertaining His Majesty in Alberta, we consider the reply of the Grand Master is of general interest to every brother of British birth, so we quote in part: (Referring to the meeting in Albert Hall, London) "It was a wonderful sight when His Majesty entered with his procession and descended the steps. He stood alone on the Third Step whilst the National Anthem was played. It was a sight to be remembered when all those nine thousand Masons stood up to give him Grand Honours, and when you saw those eighteen thousand hands going up clothed in white gloves it was a sight I shall never foget. His Majesty was good enough to occupy the Chair, and made an excellent speech, and after closing of Grand Lodge, he received many, including myself, personally."

An innovation which is not known here is the presentation of the "Veteran's Jewel." This honor is conferred on brothers who have a record of 40 years unbroken membership but who have not attained the rank of an Installed Master.

A special committee worked for four years on the revision of the Constitution, but, as your reviewer has no copy available, comment cannot be made on the revision.

Special Memorial Services were held on ANZAC DAY, April 25th, many Grand Lodge Officers and brethren attended at the Memorial Urn in the entrance to the Masonic Temple at Brisbane. This service has been held annually, in memory of departed brethren, since April 25th, 1921, when, on this date, a complete Union was finally consumated between the Grand Lodges holding jurisdiction in Queensland.

There is no review of Foreign Correspondence in the Proceedings.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Sir Leslie Orme Wilson.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. L. P. Marks.

W.H C.

RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

The Proceedings under review are those of the Semi-annual Communication of November, 1937, and the Annual Communication of May, 1938. At the latter the attendance was 403, of whom 112 were delegates. This was out of a possible total of 129, being 3 for each of 43 lodges. These 43 lodges have a membership of 16,000, and there was a reduction during the year of 560 members.

The reports of the Grand Masters and of their deputies indicate great activity on the part of those officials which must have meant a considerable sacrifice, compensated for by the loyal and dependable support of the Craft in the lodges. In addition, the Grand Masters attended to Masonic affairs of National interest which took them out of their own jurisdictions.

There are many reports of visits to and by lodges in the neighbouring States at which the visitors exemplified their own ritual, for which the necessary dispensations were freely granted. Mention is made several times of degrees being conferred by brethren in the Scottish National costume. As these nearly all took place in the winter, and while blizzards were raging a suggestion of penance appears.

One District Deputy uses a phrase in his report that will find an echo in many a Masonic heart. Alluding to a gift made him he says, "To me the gift represents the intangibles which one acquires in the Masonic service."

The election of the Junior Grand Warden has hitherto been accompanied with some artificial restriction, and it is recommended that this practice be no longer considered as a precedent.

The reports call attention to the practice of some members who on their attaining membership in the higher bodies neglect their Craft lodges, and of the support which the Grand Master received from those same higher bodies in his effort to deal with the question.

Attention is called to the fact that lodges show accumulated unpaid dues amounting to some $102,000.00 most of which is uncollectible. It is proposed to enact a constitutional amendment similar to that in force in Alberta to deal with this matter.

Financial matters occupy a good deal of the time and space at disposal, and there is apprehension of difficulty arising in the future if lodge reserves continue to be depleted. The calls on Grand Lodge funds for charity are not large, considering the number of lodges and membership. No doubt many brethren contribute silently in their lodges, but there is no evidence of Grand Lodge receiving any voluntary contributions, although several bequests in wills are reported.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence does not deal with individual Grand Bodies in its report, but refers generally to Masonic affairs all over the world. It would appear that formerly the Grand Lodge refused recognition to the Grand Lodge of Denmark, but reversed its decision after receipt of a letter which is quoted, and which gives the history, teaching and practices in Denmark, all of which indicate similarity with the practice in Rhode Island and all over the recognized Masonic world.

The Library Committee reports receipt of valuable gifts from members and from their widows.

The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island has been in existence since 1791, and there is every reason to suppose that it has a long and honourable career before it.

W.R.D.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Thirty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was held in the City of Prince Albert, on June 15th, 1938, with M. W. Bro. Mark Musk on the Throne. Fourteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance. The Grand Representative of Alberta was not present.

We like the oft repeated suggestion of the Grand Master, "I think we should be broader in the selection of D.D.G.M.'s, choosing the best available brother without regard to the lodge which he represents." Alberta could well remember this when selecting its district officers.

We quote the following Ruling of the Grand Master:

"During the year I was approached by two lodges for permission to circularize the lodges in the jurisdiction in connection with a mercantile competition to further the sale of some product These lodges had some suitable and afflicted person whom they wished to assist. I replied that while I was in sympathy with their object and commended them for their desire to be of service to the less fortunate still I considered, that the granting of this request would establish a very dangerous precedent and I must therefore refuse approval." We are in accord with the above.

The Grand Master appointed a Special Committee to investigate the practice of granting Commuted Life Memberships, and the benefits from, and the danger in continuing this practice.

In promoting fellowship between urban and rural lodges we excerpt from Grand Master Musk's address:

"I accordingly suggested to the Urban Lodges that each lodge take an especial interest in one Rural Lodge: that immediate contact be made by correspondence, and that an interchange of visits be arranged, primarily with the object of the Urban Lodge assisting the Rural Lodge in the solution of its problems."

Alberta has enjoyed such fellowship, but in a more general way.

The Grand Master makes kindly mention of Alberta as follows:

"Brethren, I cannot close this address without some reference to the practical application of the teaching of the N. E. Angle as displayed by our brethren in the Sister Jurisdiction of Alberta. During the year they have assisted in shipping several cars of produce into the drought-stricken areas of our province and have in addition expressed to thirteen of our most needy lodges, parcels of women's and children's apparel, at a cost to them, in excess of $400.00. I know you would wish me to express your sincere thanks and gratitude, as well as my own, to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, our own Grand Representative and the many contributing brethren of Alberta for this deeply appreciated Masonic service. This practical demonstration of brotherly love and relief will long be remembered by us. Brethren of Alberta we sincerely thank you."

All through the D.D.G.M.'s reports we find comments on the increase of inter-lodge visiting. In some districts arrears of dues have been reduced while other districts have not been so fortunate. The Report of the Committee on Condition of Masonry says: "The picture as a whole is cheerful and hopeful."

We excerpt from the Finance Committee's Report: "During the year the Committee exchanged a Government of Saskatchewan Bond with a face value of $10,000.00 for one with a lower interest rate, but with a face value of $12,000.00, the net result being that the value of the investment was increased without any loss of interest earnings."

M. W. Bro. W. B. Tate who has been the Grand Secretary since 1914 requested that he be not elected for the coming year. The brethren took advantage of the opportunity to elect him Honorary Grand Secretary with a retiring allowance of $1,200.00 per annum. He is also retained as an Honorary Life Member of the Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund. His son R. W. Bro. Robert A. Tate was elected Grand Secretary.

Through the entire Proceedings we read comments that more visits are necessary by Grand Lodge Officers to constituent lodges.

M. W. Bro. Stewart C. Burton—Grand Master
R. W. Bro. Robert A. Tate—Grand Secretary.
198 Lodges. 12,511 Members. Decrease, 179.

M.M.D.

SCOTLAND

The Proceedings of this venerable Grand Lodge report quarterly communications held in Edinburgh.

For the Communication of May, 1938, the Report deals fully with Masonic conditions in the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India. An official visit of Lord Belhaven and Stanton, Immediate Past Grand Master and the Grand Secretary is recorded, outlining conditions as they were and are. A schism between Bengal and the remainder apparently had been feared but this has been avoided. Sir Cecil Patrick Blackwell, Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India paid a return visit to the Mother Grand Lodge at this Communication and his report, together with that of Lord Belhaven suggests all is well.

The far flung connections of the Scottish Grand Lodge are indicated by such a notation as "Proposed alterations on the Bye-laws of Lodge Roof of the World, Peru and Lodge Abadan, Persian Gulf," and another indicating the presence of the District Grand Masters of the Transvaal and of North China.

During the year the British Grand Lodges found it necessary to issue a statement on the "Aims and Relationships of the Craft." This statement was published in our Grand Lodge Bulletin at the time but appears in the present Proceedings as does the official notice of the visitations of the Grand Master Mason to Canada last summer.

A thought for our Board of Benevolence, which has indeed been pressed by this reviewer before under more official circumstances, is contained in a list of benefactions to minor sons and daughters of deceased brethren to allow these children to train for the Civil Service and the professions.

At the Annual Festival of St. Andrew, the Earl of Harewood, Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England was elected an Honorary Member amid considerable enthusiasm. It is quite evident that the election is an indication to those who point an erroneous finger at the purposes of British Freemasonry, that the Mother countries

are of one mind and purpose in promoting only the most altruistic ideals.

A Return by the Grand Secretary shows that in one hundred and thirty-nine years, 733,635 Masons have been added to the rolls, an average annual entry of 5,278. The lowest was 661 in 1832 and the highest 45,300 in 1919. The current figure is 7,954.

The Reports of the Provincial Grand Masters are models of brevity and restrained statement and might be recommended for the attention of some of our more loquacious District Deputies.

Voluminous statistics fill the report until the pounds, shillings and pence of benevolent activities look like "big business" but always in the best sense.

The general make-up of the Proceedings is entirely different to any we are accustomed to on this side of the Atlantic and there is no reference, other than a table of exchanged Representatives, to the activities of any "foreign jurisdiction."

A.M.M.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Half-yearly and Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of South Australia were held in Adelaide on October 20th, 1937 and April 20, 1938. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. the Hon. Mr. Justice Napier, presided.

It is pleasing to note that Freemasonry is responding to the effects of improved economic conditions, as shown by the report of the Board of General Purposes. In 1932 there were 438 initiations, with 418 losses. But there has been a steady reversal of figures and steady improvement until the 1937 report shows 548 initiations with losses of only 120. The membership at this date stands at 13,319.

The conviction that Benevolence is a distinct essential in Masonry is exemplified by the action of Grand Lodge in giving authority to the Benevolent Board to issue immediate relief to a distressed brother, or widow and children of a deceased brother, in the sum of fifty pounds. In cases of extraordinary distress seventy-five pounds may be granted if necessary without confirmation of Grand Lodge. These increased sums seemed to Grand Lodge more adapted to the needs of the present day.

The Grand Master made explicit reference to the character of proceedings at the Festive Board. He regretted the appearance at this time of questionable stories and allusions by the brethren and felt these ill became the dignity of the Order. He impressed upon Masters and Directors of Ceremonies the necessity to not merely discourage such conduct, but to check it, as it was a Masonic offence. Masons should not put off their profession with their aprons.

Attention was drawn to the need of tightening up the regulations in regard to admission of visitors. The ability of a visitor to prove himself is not proof of the standing of any Mason, nor that he is a member of the Craft.

In reference to degrees and ceremonies, the Grand Master em phasized that the spirit of the ritual should be conveyed, as a working of that kind conveys much more deeply the required impression to the candidate.

It is with deep regret that the passing of R. W. Bro. W. R. Bayly is noted. Bro. Bayly was Deputy Grand Master and possessed of outstanding ability and the great loss sustained by the jurisdiction was fittingly expressed by the Grand Master. M. W. Bro. H. K. Wendt. The Grand Treasurer, was also called to the Unseen Lodge and we sincerely mourn the loss of these distinguished brethren in Masonry and our Sister Jurisdiction.

We are pleased to note that Alberta was represented at this communication by R. W. Bro. J. S. Philps, P.G.W., and we are indebted to Bro. Philps for a kindly review of Alberta's 1937 Proceedings.

One cannot study the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge without being impressed with the expression of loyalty to Empire and country so quietly expressed in many ways. The Grand Master concluded a short but very practical address with a quotation from a non-Masonic exhortation by Earl Baldwin, as adequately expressing the ideals of Masonry. The passage to which he referred, follows:

"The association of the peoples of the Empire is rooted, and their fellowship is rooted in the doctrine of the essential dignity of the individual human soul. That is the English secret, however feebly and faintly we have at times and places embraced and obeyed it.

"The torch I would hand to you is a truth, rekindled anew in each ardent generation. Use men as ends and never merely as means, and live for the brotherhood of man, which implies the Fatherhood of God. The brotherhood of man today is often denied and derided, and called foolishness, but it is, in fact, one of the foolish things of the world which God has chosen to confound the wise, and the world is confounded by it daily.

"We may evade it, we may deny it; but we shall find no rest for our souls, nor will the world until we acknowledge it as the ultimate wisdom."

M. W. Grand Master—The Hon, Mr. Justice Napier, LL.B.
R. W. Grand Secretary—R. Owen Fox, Adelaide.

C. C. H.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The Grand Lodge of South Carolina held their Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, Charleston, on March 9th and 10th, 1938 with M. W. Bro. Walter F. Going, Grand Master, presiding. Several distinguished visitors were present. 251 lodges were represented. The Grand Representative for Alberta was absent.

Two Special Communications were held to lay corner stones and two others for dedication services. A Devotional Service was also held during the year, this service being conducted by the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. J. H. Green.

An Occasional Lodge was convened on January 18th, 1938, at Columbia, by M. W. Bro. W. F. Going, for the purpose of making the Presidents of two of South Carolina's Universities "Masons at Sight." There was an attendance of between 600 and 700 Masons and the three degrees were conferred in full. For the Fellowcraft Degree all the chairs were occupied by members of the faculty of the University of South Carolina. A Masonic Bible was presented to each of the candidates by the Grand Master. The Committee on the Grand Master's Address commented as follows in their report: "The wisdom of the Grand Master was also demonstrated by his selection of two outstanding educators of our State to be made Masons at Sight."

M. W. Bro. Going opened the third century of Masonry in South Carolina with a splendid review of the year's work, the reading of which satisfies one that he did a wonderful service and completed an arduous year. Fifty Year Buttons for Veterans are being presented in this State and during the year 18 Veterans were decorated. The Grand Master's words are worthy of quotation: "In presenting the buttons, I felt that we were conferring a deserved honor and recognition."

One of the outstanding chapters of the Grand Master's Address deals with Public Education. It would appear that the Masons of this State decided that illiteracy was too rampant and they decided to co-operate with the State Department of Education. The Grand Master appointed a Special Committee to prepare plans and prosecute the co-operation of Masonry in this worthy project. The "Columbia State" of July 23rd, 1937, publishes an editorial on the subject which we would like to include in this review but space will not permit. However, we will quote the opening paragraph and recommend that those interested read the balance of the article in the Proceedings of South Carolina: "The news that the Masons of South Carolina will co-operate with the civil authorities for increased regular school attendance is revelatory of how social work is developing in a changing world. From a movement dominated largely by motives, it has developed into a movement in which motives compete for dominance with intellectual conviction."

The Grand Master in his report states: "Unfortunately the results cannot be tabulated. However, I am sure that they have and will continue to be far-reaching." The Special Committee in their report show that results have been obtained well worthy of the work and interest displayed. They say, "Although the compulsory school attendance law has been in operation for only one school session, statistics show that the public school attendance has increased by about 30,000 and reports mention in every case that the Masons have been most helpful in securing this increase. The reports of the D.D.G.M.'s show that the Masonic lodges throughout the jursidiction have contributed largely of money, clothing, shoes and books and in some cases food and medical attention." Your reviewer needs only to add, a splendid piece of work—keep it up! We agree with the Committee when they say, "The more we see and learn of this work, the more convinced we become of its importance."

Thirty-two pages comprising the Grand Master's Address give a complete outline of the year's operations in a very businesslike manner and make interesting reading.

Attempts are being made by the Committee on Fraternal Relations to establish relations with the Grand Lodges of Sweden, Denmark and Norway (National).

The Report of the Masonic Relief Fund shows an expenditure of almost $5,000.00 contributed to the support of 41 orphan children located in four different Orphan Homes. Other relief contributions for orphan children not in Orphanages, for Master Masons, for widows and for other purposes make the imposing total of nearly $26,000.00 for the year.

Those members who attended the Grand Lodge Dinner must have been keenly interested in the address of Dr. J. Rion McKissick dealing with an early balloon trip in the year 1861. The story indicates it was a *thrilling* trip and anyone interested in aeronatics should read the adventures of this early balloonist as described by Dr. McKissick. Dr. Joe H. Carter was the other guest speaker at the Dinner and took for his subject "What is on the Trestle Board?", which was another of those inspiring talks that we all appreciate, but space will not allow us to quote.

The Proceedings contain a review of "Symbolic Freemasonry in other Grand Jurisdictions" consisting of 94 pages compiled by the Fraternal Correspondent, W. Bro. Henry Collins, and contains a review of the Grand Lodge Proceedings of practically every State in the Union and other parts of the Masonic World. This is an excellent service by W. Bro. Collins and contains much interesting reading matter. He says in his "Foreword": "There is a general feeling that Masonry must become virile, militant, progressive . . . a positive force for preserving and propagating the principles and ideals of Democracy. This, we believe, is essential if we would preserve the very life of our Order." We concur.

Alberta Proceedings were very courteously reviewed by the Fraternal Correspondent and he comments, "We are glad to have R. W. Bro. A. Davison, the Mayor of Calgary, as our Grand Representative."

The next Annual Communication will be held in the City of Charleston on March 8th and 9th, 1939.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Walter F. Going.
Grand Secretary—M. W. Bro. O. Frank Hart.
Membership, 17,448. Increase for year, 259.

W.H.C.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Sixty-fourth Annual Communication was held at Rapid City on June 14th, 15th and 16th, 1938. Grand Master Herman F. Chapman presided.

M. W. Bro. H. T. Woods, P.G.M. of Manitoba, presented a Canadian ensign to Grand Lodge and the flag and Bro. Woods were given a most cordial reception.

There were sixteen P.G.M.'s in attendance. Alberta's Grand Representative was not present.

The Grand Master's address showed a large amount of work done He had been active in every phase of Masonic work in the jurisdiction and had had splendid support from his officers. There had been an

advance in every department of Masonry bar that of membership, he reported. Three lodges had had their charters arrested. The manner in which charges for Masonic temples were being dealt with was not satisfactory. A few lodges from various causes were degenerating. More Masonic sustenance was needed and the Grand Master suggested a number of ways in which this could be provided. His recommendations included: the presentation of Masonic plays, the review of the proceedings of other jurisdictions, the publication of a Grand Lodge bulletin, the rehabilitation of the Grand Lodge library, the renovation and redecoration of the Grand Lodge building, and more visiting with other jurisdictions. The Iowa booklet, "Outline of Masonry" was highly recommended by the Committee on General Activities which stressed the need for and value of lodge histories.

A new installation ceremony for Grand Lodge officers was adopted. This is quite extensive and much more elaborate than Alberta's. A new ritual had been prepared, printed and distributed during the year.

In order to carry out a survey of the financial condition of the constituent lodges, the Finance Committee sent out 175 questionnaires and got 150 answers. Dues ran from $2.00 to $10.00 (per capita tax here is $1.25). Several lodges reported initiation fees of $10.00 and $15.00 although the Grand Lodge By-laws state the minimum to be $40.00. There was no provision for automatic suspension for N.P.D. but the committee made this recommendation and it was adopted by Grand Lodge. The rule is now the same as Alberta's. The Finance Committee's recommendations that every secretary of a lodge should be bonded, and that an annual audit should be made were adopted.

A twenty-five year medal was authorized in addition to the fifty year medal then in use.

The Rhode Island bible was re-dedicated.

Mileage is paid to Grand Lodge officers, members of committees, Grand Representatives, etc., at the rate of five cents a mile from home to Grand Lodge. The usual charge for this amounts to about $1,700.00. This year with the communication in the far western part of the state, mileage amounted to $3,745.20. A recommendation of the Finance Committee that the rate be reduced to three cents was voted down and the full amount passed.

No funds were voted for any of the Grand Master's recommendations, the anticipated revenue of Grand Lodge being insufficient to provide the regular budget requirements.

An amendment to the Constitution was approved which permits a brother to protest privately against the initiation of any candidate after a favorable ballot has been taken. This would hold up the initiation for six months.

Recognition was extended to the National Grand Lodges of Sweden, Norway, and Denmark. No Foreign Correspondence was included in the Proceedings.

During the year death claimed two Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. J. J. Davenport, G. M. in 1907, and M. W. Bro. G. A. Pettigrew, G. M. in 1918 and Grand Secretary for 42 years. He had been Grand Secretary Emeritus for two years.

Two lodges surrendered their charters during the year.

M. W. Bro. Chapman was presented with a watch by Grand Lodge in appreciation of his untiring service during his year of office.

M. W. Grand Master—Wm. H. Hirsch, Wagner.
R. W. Grand Secretary—W. D. Swain, Sioux Falls.

F.P.G.

TASMANIA

The documents submitted range in date from November 27th, 1937, to September 29th, 1938, and include the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge held on February 26th, 1938, and the semi-annual communication of August 26th, 1938, with several special communications for various purposes.

On June 30th, 1938, the number of lodges in the jurisdiction was 52; the membership, 4,039, and the increase of membership during the year 53 with one new lodge instituted during the period.

A striking feature of the Financial Report is the great preponderance of money contributed for benevolence over the sum contributed for general purposes of Grand Lodge. The lodge dues for General purposes being £589, and for Benevolent purposes £1,008. In addition to the last mentioned sum there was contributed voluntarily to the Board of Benevolence £345. And this is over and above the sums disbursed by the lodges themselves for charitable purposes. One lodge is reported to have spent nearly 25% of its income in the last mentioned direction. Moneys collected in the lodges as "Special Donations" to the Board of Benevolence amounted to some £68. and the method of collection is such that no person, not even the Worshipful Master of the lodge knows the amount that any individual contributes.

Two cases of misconduct were reported to the Grand Lodge with recommendation for expulsion. It appears that where a brother is indicted and found guilty of a felony the lodge of which he is a member is required by the Constitution to report same to the Board of General Purposes who in turn after enquiry report it to Grand Lodge with their recommendation for Expulsion. In one case the recommendation was accepted; in the other owing to extenuating circumstances the penalty was reduced to indefinite suspension.

Masonic charity in Tasmania is diffusive. A grant of a large sum was made to a general fund for crippled children, and the proceeds of the annual ball at Hobart were distributed among a number of public charitable institutions, including two which are exclusively Roman Catholic.

At the Meetings of Grand Lodge the names of all brethren suspended for non-payment of dues are read out but not printed in the Proceedings. All lodge secretaries are notified of the names by the Grand Secretary. The expression used in Tasmania is "excluded" for non-payment of dues. The various pronouncements of the Grand Master and his officers indicate a high order of leadership. In his address at the Annual Communication the Grand Master says:

> "The important question of an expansion of Masonic effort in the direction of a wider community service which I raised in

my last address, has, I am pleased to know, had a favourable reception. And I am hopeful that during this year a commencement of organized lines will be possible."

The Grand Master devotes considerable space to the question of world peace and to the gratifying indications of the co-operation between the British Commonwealth and the United States towards this end, quoting correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Arizona, and an extract from the New Year's communication from the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Lodges appear to receive encouragment from Grand Lodge to own their own temples, and the funds of the Board of Benevolence are available as loans to lodges for that purpose.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania will celebrate its jubilee in 1940 and preparations for that event are provided for.

W.R.D.

TENNESSEE

One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual Communication held at Nashville, January 26th and 27th, 1938; M. W. Bro. Neale M. Rutland, Grand Master, presiding.

Fifteen of the twenty-three living Past Grand Masters were in attendance. Four hundred out of the 413 subordinate lodges in the jurisdiction were represented. The total membership is shown at 36,717 —a net loss of 306 since the last report.

M. W. Bro. James S. MacEwing, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was one of the distinguished visitors received with Grand Honors and escorted to the East.

The Grand Master expressed "a decided revival of interest in Masonry throughout this jurisdiction." His address deals extensively with matters concerning the Masonic Home and Wards. Forty-eight residents, comprising women, girls and boys, were then being cared for in the Institution, while 394 beneficiaries were on the roll of those being maintained in their own homes. Commendable work is being done by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in caring for its aged and indigent.

The acquisition by Grand Lodge of the Scottish Rite Temple property, at a figure of $152,000.00, is recorded; and the Grand Treasurer's report discloses a net credit balance of $121,495.00.

The Reports of sixty jurisdictions have been reviewed by the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence under the chairmanship of that veteran, M. W. Bro. Peeler, P.G.M., and our 1937 Proceedings have been kindly dealt with.

The Proceedings, as printed, contain the Constitution of the Grand Lodge as well as the Edicts of that Body.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Charles Harvey McKinney.

Grand Secretary —R. W. Bro. Thomas Earl Doss.

S.G.B.

TEXAS

The One Hundred and Third Annual Communication of the M. W. The Grand Lodge of Texas convened in the City of Waco on Wednesday the 7th December 1938, with M. W. Bro. John Rice, Grand Master presiding.

We regret to note that the representative for Alberta did not answer the roll call of Grand Representatives.

The Grand Master through illness was twice compelled to call upon his deputy to assume his duties and as a result we not only have a report of the Grand Master but also one from the Deputy. We sincerely trust that M. W. Bro. Rice has been fully restored to health and vigor once more.

Three lodges were constituted by the Grand Master, two were consolidated and two demised. Five lodges were under suspension.

Among the decisions are two of which we think particular note should be made:

A lodge desirous of remitting the dues of all Past Masters and making them Life Members. The Grand Master ruled that it was quite within the rights of the lodge to remit the dues of Past Masters each year, but that the making of Life Members was contrary to the Constitution.

Request was made for a ruling on the matters of re-instating former members of the lodge who had been suspended for N.P.D. The lodges proposed to appoint a committee and give them full authority to negotiate with the suspended members offering them any reasonable proposition as regards their past dues in order to put them in good standing. Ruled that it was all right to appoint a Committee but that the Committee should not be given full power to carry out the final negotiations of the lodge, as the lodge and not the Committee had the power to determine the amount necessary to put them in good standing. A similar ruling was given by our own Grand Master in 1939.

We quote from the Grand Master's address:

"There seems to be an increasing desire to use Masonry and its good name for every conceivable purpose, to form new organizations, societies, clubs and associations all based on blue Lodge Membership; to use for business purposes, in political campaigns, for insurance and benefit societies and for advertising. All of these tend to lower the standards of Ancient Craft Masonry and to make of it just another present day organization. All these undertakings may be worth while, but they should be organized and conducted on their peculiar merits, free from Masonic Connection and not to be classed as a Masonic appendage."

The Grand Master's address is largely composed of an account of his stewardship but he gives fitting exhortation to the Masters of his jurisdiction to continue to walk in the way of the Builders of Masonry in that State and realise and use the great power that is theirs. Recognition of the services of the District Deputies is amply taken care of as is also the generous services and support of the Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. George H. Belew presents his first report as Grand Secretary and from it we learn of an increase of 1479 members over

that of the previous year which goes to show that Masonry is on the up grade in this jurisdiction.

This Grand Lodge was favored by visits from a number of distinguished brethren, especially from the several jurisdictions in confederation of Mexico, all of whom were accorded a hearty welcome.

Grand Lodge was adjourned to the Campus of Baylor University where the Grand Master laid the Corner Stone of the new administration building. President Neff of the University and the Grand Orator R. W. Bro. Walter C. Temple both gave very excellent addresses on completion of the ceremony.

M. W. Bro. W. M. Brown, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, gave a very instructive and inspiring address on the "Aristocracy of Freemasonry." It is something well worth reading and could stand repeating in many a Lodge Session.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that Fraternal recognition be granted to the Grand Lodge of Colombia with headquarters at Bogota and also with Gran Logia del Territorio Notre de la Baja California with headquarters at Mexicalli, Territory of Lower California, Republic of Mexico; also the Gran Logia del Pacifico with headquarters at Guaymas, State of Sonora, Mexico.

A very active Committee is that of Masonic Service and Education, which presented a very complete and interesting report. This Committee not only directs Masonic Education in Texas but also publishes a magazine and operates a Gaval Club. One of the activities included Moving Pictures of Grand Lodge which have been used to advantage in the lodges.

M. W. Bro. Fly, P.G.M. in his report on Foreign Correspondence presents a very complete summary on conditions in several parts of the troubled world and what has happened to Masonry in these countries. He has something to say on the Masonic Service Association and also on the question of extraneous orders; all of which is of great service and information to Masons and give rise to some very thoughtful thinking. We thank him for his generous treatment of Alberta 1938 giving his readers a very complete summary of our proceedings and of the address of M. W. Bro. Hartman.

M. W. Grand Master—Lee Lockwood, Waco.
R. W. Grand Secretary—George H. Belew, Waco.

W.I.

UTAH

Grand Lodge convened in the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, on September 26th, 1938, under the guidance of M. W. Bro. Joseph G. Titley, Grand Master, this being the Sixty-seventh Annual Communication.

All living Grand Lodge Officers were present and thirteen Past Grand Masters. All subordinate lodges were represented by their three Senior Officers.

Amongst the one hundred and twenty-six brethren who have died during the period under review are noted Senior Past Grand Master Charles Wesley Morse, and Bro. Leo Melvyn Evans, Grand Orator, who walked a Masonic pathway in his sphere difficult for others to follow.

Alberta's Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. A. E. Eberhardt, answered the Roll Call and on the request of the Grand Master, W. Bro. S. P. Dobbs, Grand Representative for France, spoke for his colleagues. His address is printed in the Proceedings and consists of notes made from the latest reviews of Fraternal Correspondence. We take leave to quote a few extracts:

"In the seventy odd jurisdictions represented, a dozen or so show much concern over the connection of Masonic bodies with raffles, lotteries, "Bingo," and similar games of chance, in an effort to raise funds to meet losses from depression. Severe measures have been taken against such activities in most jurisdictions.

"Subversive activities of Communist, Fascist, or Nazi bodies have been excoriated by speakers, by resolution and other manners in very many of our jurisdictions."

"Concern is found in many bodies we represent over the practice of granting life memberships founded solely upon length of lodge service, or age." "It is generally felt that life membership should be given in reward for long and distinguished service to the Craft."

"In one jurisdction 26.6% of those on the rolls pay no dues."

On "Condition of the Craft" we quote the Grand Master: "I am pleased to report that Utah Freemasonry is in a very encouraging condition. . . . evidenced by the lodge reports. . . . showing an increase in membership of nineteen. It is the first time Utah has shown a gain in membership since the year 1929."

In reporting Official Visitations to Lodges, we quote: "All Grand Masters agree that this is the most pleasing duty of all. . . . It has been my privilege to visit every constituent lodge." "The particular subject featured was the CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, no Mason will wonder why this subject was chosen. No more appropriate subject for American Masons." He stresses the prominent part played by Masons in the founding of America and its Government, and the treasured Masonic traditions arising therefrom, and asks how best can we keep the faith so that the work of our Masonic forebears be not merely relegated to history? "There is only one way. If we lost faith we lose power. As our forefathers did so must we get on fire again for a nation, the fire that produced the Constitution under which America has lived for the last one hundred and fifty years." And his histrionic appeal was climaxed by a flag ceremony of presenting the national flag at the altar. This reviewer is in full accord with these views on patriotism, especially pertinent in these times of raging "ISM'S," yet we still hear that small voice of twenty-two years ago saying, "Patriotism is not enough."

We note that financially all lodges are on firm ground and that expenditures for charity by the lodges amount to some $9,724.00 with an additional contribution collected for flood relief of $1,312.00.

Varied and numerous were the decisions and rulings asked of the Grand Master and a perusal of them seems to indicate a serious lack

of knowledge of the Grand Lodge Code, or Constitution, by the Masters of lodges. Or is it that Masters have the idea that the Grand Master can over-ride the provisions of the Code that somehow does not seem peculiar to Utah?

Leniency is shown in applying the "Perfect Child Theory."

The sponsoring of Bodies appendage to Masonry as the De Molay, for instance, can apparently present problems to plague the Grand Master.

The "Right" of a Mason or his dependants to Masonic relief is clearly refuted by the Committee on Jurisprudence when concurring with one of the decisions of the Grand Master. They use these words, "Your committee, however, wishes to call attention to the fact that Masonic relief is given as a matter of grace and not of right. Certain persons may be eligible to receive it but no one is entitled to it as of right."

This committee did not see eye to eye with the Grand Master regarding the question of dues remitted ranking as dues paid, when the issuing of a dimit is involved. They point out that technically they may not be the same, but practically they amount to the same thing.

Neither were they prepared to admit that a member was, on taking his dimit, entitled to a pro rata refund of dues paid in advance. They preferred to leave it to the lodges to be guided by the circumstances.

The Grand Librarian reports the call for books and other material remains the same as previous years, but we note that it was necessary to print another 1,000 copies of the pamphlet "Mormonism and Masonry" to supply the demand. It is certainly a queer study, these antagonisms of religious bodies to Masonry.

Masonic Education is somewhat of a see-saw, apparently on the up-swing this year. It would seem to be a hobby of the Grand Master. He recommended that it become mandatory, but Grand Lodge considered Freemasonry too democratic an institution to consider anything savoring of compulsion being necessary.

From the Historical section we glean the following:

This year the Annual Communication was held on the fourth Monday in September, so that this review covers a period of some twenty months. For the last fifty-seven years it was held on the third Tuesday in January.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is again presented by M. W. Bro. Sam H. Goodwin, P.G.M., and reviews some fifty-seven Proceedings, covering 112 pages—a prodigious amount of work for one man. But he has the happy faculty of sustaining your interest to the end. To a brother wishing to improve his knowledge of Masonry at work, he will find it a mine of information. His opinion of Orators in general can well be summed up by recalling that of Benjamin Franklin. "That an orator is one who gives a flood of words with every drop of reason."

Lodges, 26. Members, 4,560.

M. W. Grand Master—Harold Russell Waldo, Salt Lake City.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Sam Henry Goodwin, Salt Lake City.

W.B.

VERMONT

The volume reviewed contains accounts of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its One Hundred and Forty-fifth Annual Communication held in the City of Burlington on June 15th and 16th, 1938. It also contains accounts of Special Communications held to dedicate the Masonic Temple at Springfield, June 24th, 1937, and to dedicate the Masonic Hall at Concord, September 30th, 1937.

There was an attendance of 303 at the Annual Communication, of whom 250 were representatives of lodges. There were also 31 Grand Representatives present amongst whom was Bro. Chas. H. Darling, representing the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

At the dedication ceremony at Springfield an address was given by the Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Bro. Fenton, which gives an interesting account of the introduction of Masonry into the State of Vermont, the trials it went through 100 years ago in the Morgan persecutions, and ending with a thoughtful reference to present world conditions and their relation to Masonry.

The address of the Grand Master expresses some very forthright opinions on conditions in the State and Republic generally. His activities during the year took him far abroad beyond the confines of his own jurisdiction and the faithful performance of his duties must have been a severe drain on his time and energy.

In like manner the reports of his Deputies are exhaustive. They indicate the seriousness with which they performed their duties and a very pleasing picture of Masonic activities in the State. All reports are cheering in tone and indicate vitality in the discharge of its functions by the Craft. The ladies of the Eastern Star seem to thoroughly understand one of the principle functions of their sex, for their ability and willingness to provide chicken pie suppers is most favourably commented on.

The Report of the Special Committee on the address of the Grand Master opens with an apology for imperfections and shortcomings which are not apparent to the reviewer, for it is a masterpiece of brevity, plus comprehensiveness. Another example of masterly English is the Report of the Committee on Masonic Education which is here quoted in full:

"Your committee has held no meetings during the year and this statement of fact constitutes their report."

The Committee on Grievances happily reports no occasion for their service, while that on Necrology includes the name of our late M. W. Bro. Robert Patterson.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommends the appointment of a permanent committee on Historical Research whose duty shall be "to investigate, compile and record information relating to the beginning, growth and development of Freemasonry in Vermont." An example it is hoped will be followed in Alberta while those who were members at the time of formation are available.

As elsewhere Finance is a very live question with the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and the Proceedings contain a report of a committee on Budget providing for a grand total of expense which shall not exceed a given sum.

The Grand Lodge Charity Fund has among other sources of income the net earnings of the Temple Building, a photo of which appears as a frontispiece to the volume. It is a fine looking structure and the property of Grand Lodge. And there seems to be a very sensible arrangement in operation relating to the claims by lodges on the Charity Fund. It appears that when a lodge spends out of its own funds on charity in any year an amount in excess of $1.00 per capita of its membership the excess will be refunded by Grand Lodge out of the Charity Fund.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is very thorough, very readable and very well arranged Each of the 71 Grand Lodge Reports is treated separately, and in addition the whole Report commences with a foreword or resume on the contents, and a very useful index of the subjects dealt with showing in which Grand Lodge report the subject is mentioned.

The Social Security Act seems to be causing apprehension in many American jurisdictions. It seems to be settled that more work will be entailed upon lodge Secretaries, and there is a possibility that Masonic Charities will be affected. Probably by another year the situation will be clearer.

The information given in the volume of Proceedings is most exhaustive and is carefully indexed at the end for the assistance of the reader. The compiler is to be commended for the diligence shown and congratulated on the result.

There are 103 lodges in the jurisdiction with a membership of 16,900. There was a very small loss in numbers during the year.

W.R.D.

VICTORIA

The Grand Lodge of the State of Victoria, Australia, held four quarterly communications during the year 1938. the last being on December 15th. Our Representative, V. W. Bro. Hamilton S. Smith, was present at the first three communications, and he also prepared the report on the Proceedings of Alberta for the section devoted to Foreign Correspondence. It is the practice in Victoria that Grand Representatives perform this service. V. W. Bro. Smith stresses the remark of our Grand Master that the purpose of Masonry is attempted through individual members rather than in a corporate capacity.

The M. W. Grand Master, Lord Huntingfield, presided at the Quarterly communication in March at which annual reports for the previous year were presented. He subsequently announced the necessity for his resignation from the office owing to his leaving the jurisdiction to take up the office of Acting Governor General of the Commonwealth, and at the communication of December 15th R. W. Bro. Byrne, Deputy Grand Master, was elected to the office of Grand Master.

To be suspended for non-payment of dues either to lodges or in affiliated bodies, involves the publication of names in the Quaretrly Reports which also contain the names of those restored to membership in good standing.

The M. W. Grand Master exercises powers in Victoria which are more extensive than is usual on this continent. He is reported to have "stayed" 18 initiations and two further degrees. He is also reported to have issued dispensations to enable persons to be proposed or seconded by sponsors who have not had twelve months personal knowledge of the applicant, which implies of course that the rule is that they have such extent of knowledge.

Several changes in the Book of Constitution were made. The regalia of the Grand Stewards, and the title of the Grand Director of Ceremonies were considered and altered. Hitherto the Grand Master was unable by constitutional limitation to issue a dispensation for the initiation of a candidate who was totally blind. This restriction was removed after a discussion in which very liberal views were expressed, and which is of interest to all who consider the thing symbolized as of more importance than the symbol used. And it was enacted that where changes in the Constitution were proposed by notice of motion that this latter be communicated to each lodge within five weeks after the Quarterly Communication.

A very interesting feature was the discussion relating to the provision of funds for the New Freemason's Hospital. This institution, which opened its doors within the last two years, found itself in debt for construction and that it was operating at a loss. It was proposed to amend the Constitution by providing that all candidates for initiation be required to pay thirty shillings towards this fund before being admitted. The proposal had the approval of the Board of General Purposes, but was strenuously opposed on the ground that it was a forced contribution, and not consistent with the idea of charity. And secondly, that the capital fund of the Board of Benevolence was already large and constantly increasing, the cause of the increase being that the funds placed at the disposal of the Board annually by Grand Lodge were more than was required, and that the unexpended surplus was being invested and added to the capital fund. The discussion which took place is reminiscent of Alberta. Evidently the majority considered that the next generation would be as wealthy as the present one, and the motion was defeated. Subsequently a notice of motion was given that £60,000 of the funds in the capital fund of the Board of Benevolence be diverted to the use of the Hospital Board to use for maintenance or otherwise at their discretion, and the discussion on this motion can be looked forward to with interest.

The funds placed at the disposal of Grand Lodge are generous and are derived to a large extent from voluntary contributions and bequests. It is pleasing to note as evidence of the esteem in which the Craft is held and of its contribution to community service that organizations not purely Masonic contribute to the support of its institutions. For a Grand Body just 50 years old its institutions are extensive and vigorous, although some of them, like the Freemasons' Homes were in existence before the formation of the Grand Lodge.

The latest institution to be brought into being is the Freemasons' Hospital referred to above. Operations were started in April, 1937, and the statistics indicate that the Hospital has already demonstrated its value to the community at large, the average number of beds occupied daily being around fifty. Its purpose is to assist persons, not necessarily with Masonic connections to whom the fees of other hospitals are prohibitive, and of course to take Masonic cases where there is a total inability to pay fees at all. These latter are paid for out of the

funds of the Board of Benevolence. Tribute is paid to the very valuable assistance of the ladies who are organized in many parts of the jurisdiction in "Auxiliaries." Grateful acknowledgement is given to skilled physicians, surgeons, dentists and other specialists who gave and give freely of their services in the organization and operation of the hospital. It is noted with regret that the first president of the Hospital Board, Sir William Brunton, died shortly after he assumed office. His Masonic life extended over thirty-four years, and he had been President of the Board of Benevolence as well as occupying the office of Deputy Grand Master.

As evidence of the strength of Masonic spirit in Victoria the words of the Grand Registrar are here quoted. It appears that lodges were required by mandate to contribute to the Hospital funds, and there were as usual "doubting Thomases" who thought that the lodges would not be able to meet the obligation. The Grand Registrar says:

> "No finer tribute can be paid to the loyalty of the subordinate lodges to this scheme than by making public the fact that up to June 30th, 1938, there was only £490 in arrears of payments from the whole of the lodges in Victoria."

The Pro Grand Master gave permission to a Masonic Hospital Club to issue pin badges is support of the fund, and obtained the reluctant consent of the Board of General Purposes to his action. But the Board states that it views the issue with disfavour, and is of the opinion that no further appeal be made on these lines, which we think is a decision with which most Masons will agree.

Among the activities of Masonry in Victoria the scholarships must be mentioned. Five of these were awarded during the year. The entrants are children of Masons who are pupils at what we in Alberta would call the public and high schools, and no doubt the privilege of entrance is only given where deserved.

There are 525 lodges in the jurisdiction with a membership of 50,588. There was a falling off in number in the years 1931-35, but in 1936-37 a gain in membership appears.

The compiler of the volume of the Proceedings is to be congratulated on the matter submitted and on the general style and lay out. It is agreeable reading in many senses, but would be greatly improved if there were an index.

W.R.D.

VIRGINIA

An Emergent Grand Lodge Communication was held during the year for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to Grand Lecturer Emeritus, R. W. Bro. Thomas Crease Nelson.

The One Hundred and Sixtieth Annual Communication was held in the City of Richmond on the 8th February, 1938.

Alberta's representative, W. Bro. Frank F. Champion, was again present.

Ten Past Grand Masters were in attendance. Among the distinguished visitors were the Grand Masters of West Virginia, Texas,

Connecticut, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Deputy Grand Masters of District of Columbia and Pennsylvania and M. W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson, Past Grand Master, Massachusetts. The Grand Master in his address extended a warm greeting to the many distinguished visitors.

The Grand Master visited his lodges extensively, stating that it was "a most important duty incumbent upon a Grand Master to keep in touch with his lodges." We agree and heartily compliment him on his undertaking.

The Grand Master shows his appreciation of the work done by the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home and states that they deserve the unending gratitude of the Craft at large for their painstaking care and the sacrifices made.

Under the heading of decisions the following is of interest: Has a member of a lodge a right to take the official seal out of the lodge room? The Grand Master ruled "That the seal of the lodge was in the custody of the Secretary for his use either in office, home, or lodge room, that he is entirely responsible for it, and should not allow it to be out of his possession or available for misuse by anyone." We heartily agree.

In this age of compromise the following quotation from the Grand Master's address may be of interest: "Many times I found myself appealing to lodges for a closer adherence to the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity. If innovations are required in the present age, it is not in Masonry they are needed."

"I have insisted that the dignity and worth of Masonry be upheld; that the world will place no higher estimate on our Order than we ourselves place upon it."

We regret space does not permit us to quote from a most inspiring address by M. W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, dealing with the question of what is going on in our Fraternity elsewhere, which covered almost every part of the world. We had the privilege and pleasure of meeting and hearing M. W. Bro. Johnson at Halifax, Nova Scotia, during the Bi-centenary celebrations. We also regret that we cannot quote from many other excellent addresses by distinguished visitors.

An incident worthy of comment is the fact that the Grand Master Elect was presented for installation by his son.

A review of the reports of the 58 D.D.G.M.'s shows that the Craft is in a very healthy condition.

In the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence we find an interesting one for Alberta by R. W. Bro. Clift.

Lodges, 354. Members, 39,362. Loss, 189.

The next Annual Communication will be held at Richmond, 14th February, 1939.

M. W. Grand Master—Dr. James N. Hillman, Emory.

R. W. Grand Secretary—James M. Clift, Richmond.

J.M.

WASHINGTON

The Eighty-first Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington was held in the City of Walla Walla on Tuesday the 21st June 1938 with M. W. Bro. Frank L. Poole, Grand Master presiding in the Grand East.

We are pleased to note that the Grand Representative for Alberta, Bro. Frank N. McCandless, was present to present our Greetings.

Among the distinguished visitors was the Grand Master of the State of Oregon, M. W. Bro. Franklin C. Howell and his Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. D. Rufus Cheney, and representatives from the Grand Lodge of Idaho were also present.

The Grand Master's address covers some thirty-one pages and we are pleased to note the friendly relations that exist between our Province of British Columbia and the Grand Lodge of Washington. Immediately following the close of the Grand Lodge in 1937 the Grand Master proceeded to Vancouver to attend British Columbia's Annual Communication and he was back again in Vancouver in October attending the Installation ceremony of Lodge Southern Cross No. 44 G.R.B.C.

Washington has jurisdiction of the territory of Alaska and it is interesting to note the remarks of the Grand Master following his visit over that territory. "To sum up let me say that I was privileged to meet some of the finest Masons and brethren we can hope to know in Alaska. The Lodges are prosperous, have a proper sense of their responsibilities to the Craft, and are entitled to and do have the respect of its citizens."

We quote the following from the Rulings of the Grand Master:

"The Worshipful Master of a Masonic Lodge does not have the right to demand that a brother member of his Lodge shall take a dimit."

"I ruled that a man employed as a driver for a delivery wagon for a brewery was not eligible, under section 193 of the constitution to petition for the degrees of Masonry."

The Grand Master was called upon to take steps to put an end to a Lottery sponsored by the Mystic Shrine of Spokane, and to their credit be it said that when attention was drawn to the matter the arrangements were cancelled. The remarks of the Grand Master on this question are very appropriate and we are pleased to note that action has been taken to end this method of raising money.

The necessity for a Masonic Bulletin is stressed in the Grand Master's Address, for distributing Masonic knowledge and information. We have found the bulletin in Alberta to be a very useful means of doing this and its circulation is growing monthly. It need not be an expensive venture.

We quote the following from the Grand Master's address as we consider it sums up the situation in Masonry to-day very eloquently.

"When I became Grand Master I was deeply convinced that Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction were in dire need of Greater Masonic knowledge. I determined to meet this yearning for light and to enable every Mason, and especially those newly raised, to acquire a simple and plain knowledge of the Masonic philosophy which they could put in their hearts as a guide to a better way of life. Every Mason should have a strong spiritual reason for belonging to the Fraternity and we should have a consuming desire to give him that reason. We must

realize that Freemasonry has its real existence in the hearts of its members and not in costly temples that burden some of our Lodges and pose a problem to my successors and to this Grand Lodge. Our task is to create real Masons and if we do that the future of Masonry is secure beyond all the shifts of time and tide."

The Report of the Committee on Research and Education shows that they had a threefold program:—

1st To development a permanent course of instruction for new members through some well recognized books of instruction.

2nd. To distribute a series of releases in the nature of brief papers of general cultural and Masonic interest to be read in the Lodges.

3rd. To make available by mail some of the Masonic books of the Grand Lodge Library.

The "Introduction to Freemasonry" by Claudy was adopted as the best book available for young Masons.

From the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence we learn that a recommendation was presented requesting the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to establish mutual relations of amity between the Grand Lodge of Norway and the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The address of the Grand Orator, W. Bro. Mark A. Moulton was a talk on conditions existing in the totalitarian countries and he asks the question "How shall Democracy save itself, how shall Masons make their contribution to that salvation?" We quote his answer in the last paragraph of his address:— "Deep underneath all this there must exist within the lodge complete understanding of the universal purposes and teachings of Masonry. Such an understanding will inevitably yield to Masons a character comparable to the sublime character of our symbolic Grand Master whom we seek to emulate. If we become more closely acquainted with him and if we undertake to build into our temple, which is the State, the same kind of materials that the workmen built into the temple which was to become the house of Jehovah, if we attempt to use our materials with the same trained minds and the same skillful hands so will we accomplish a like result. Then will we be able to create a State which will not only protect Democracy but will achieve the purposes of Democracy which in the long run are identical with the purposes and objects of Masonry."

A comprehensive review of our 1937 Proceedings appears in the report of the Committee on Correspondence, copious excerpts being taken from the Grand Master's address and the higher lights of our work being touched upon. We thank them for their generous treatment and the kind words extended to our Chairman, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell.

M. W. Grand Master—W. Gale Matthews, Ephrata,

R. W. Grand Secretary—Horace M. Tyler, Tacoma,

W.I.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Proceedings for year ending May, 1938.

This Grand Lodge holds quarterly communications.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. J. S. Battye, in his address, dealt with a number of matters of interest to the Craft. Speaking of the Widows', Orphans and Aged Freemasons' Fund, he said that the income was not insufficient to meet the demands and that there was encroachment upon the capital. During the year a Masonic Ball had been held when about $750.00 was raised for this Fund. He suggested that they make this an annual affair. At the Annual Communication held some months later, the Grand Master reported a substantial improvement in the fund and thought that it would not be long before it had reached the desired capital of $500,000.00. He referred also to the referendum in Switzerland as to the abolition of Freemasonry.

The Grand Master spoke at some length regarding the applications for membership; insisted that the utmost care be taken as to the quality of that membership and directed that the lists of applications be read in open Lodge with full particulars of the applicant before any such application was dealt with. He had something to say as to the necessity of maintaining the dignity of the Order at the Festive Board.

He referred with regret to the ban on Freemasonry in Austria after it was taken over by the German Reich.

He dealt with the lack of uniformity in regard to the Ritual and made suggestions for improvement.

Incidentally, the Grand Master was re-elected for another term.

We note the following items from the reports of tne Board of General Purposes:

The last annual election, made by parallel voting, resulted in a 37% poll which was more than double any previous election.

Reading the reports of the various Inspectors of Workings which correspond to our District Deputies, we notice that the average attendance of all lodges was nearly 59%, an increase of 9%; that the ceremonies throughout the Jurisdiction were carried out with dignity; that, generally speaking, the lodges are in a sad financial position and that the old trouble about outstanding dues was steady but reduced to normal proportions.

As usual, there is included the very interesting report on Foreign Correspondence by R. W. Bro. Archdeacon. It begins with a short resume and then proceeds to deal with the various points in the reports of the individual Jurisdictions. We mention but a few of the many worth noting Referring to the report on Fraternal Correspondence of Alberta, he says in particular:

"It is written by a committee of learned brethren, (I don't mean lawyers)" Herein our brother is to an extent, inaccurate, as this reviewer and several other members of the committee belong to the much loved and respected profession.

He quotes the following from the Grand Master of British Columbia:

"The Grand Master's address contained a brief mention of his official visitations of an official nature. He expressed his appreciation

of the invariable kindness and courtesy he had met with in those visits. As a result of his visits and contacts, he had a general impression of a great body of men to whom Masonry had made an understanding appeal, and who were earnestly trying to demonstrate its worth in the upbuilding of the character of a community. To this writer it seems that the idea expressed in the previous sentence indicates a higher conception of the mission of Masonry than does the desire expressed by a growing number of well-meaning brethren, that Masons, for communal good, should adopt methods which would inevitably weld Masonry and politics together, to the great detriment of the Craft."

Throughout his review, he takes a strong stand against those numerous orders attaching themselves to Masonry.

A quotation from Colorado's report:

"But some day, one may hope, Masters will be big enough, sensible enough, and courageous enough to snatch off the halo they have placed on the head of their fetish, WORK, and realize that making members IS not making MASONS, and that putting DEGREES on to men and shining the ritual drama IS NOT putting Masonry into men."

From the Review of England:

"The investiture of the reigning Sovereign of the British Empire is without parallel in the history or traditions of the Craft during thirty centuries."

Re: Expulsion Offences. He points out that in Western Australia, the proved conviction by a Court of Justice is sufficient ground for expulsion. He favors the small lodges; his preference being a maximum of 75 members. He objects strongly to Public Joint Installations.

152 Lodges. Total membership, 9,584.

E.T.B.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication was held in the City of Fairmont on the 12th October, 1938. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Herschel H. Rose, presided.

Alberta was represented by M. W. Bro. Frank M. Flaig.

We regret to record the loss this Grand Jurisdiction has sustained by the death of M. W. Bro. S. P. Richmond, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. George S. Laidley, Grand Secretary, and R. W. Bro. Walter S. Sugden, S.G.W.

The Grand Master gave much of his time, labour, health and money in travelling around his jurisdiction, and in doing so states that he had "No thought of spectacular display, nor of novelties, nor of public acclaim. Rather," he says, "I have striven by all means, at all times, to shepherd this people in the paths of the fathers; to avoid variation and innovation; to preserve this institution exactly as it came to my hands, and to deliver it to my successor unspotted, undiverted and unaltered."

He praises the zeal of the laity of Craft pointing out that all is well with it, although there has been no boom, but no lost ground,

yielding nothing, and that "In these days of wreck and chaos, to have stood unmoved is victory."

He refers, somewhat modestly, to the occasion of conferring the third degree on his own son.

He visited many other Grand Jurisdictions, we also had the pleasure of being with him in Halifax, Nova Scotia, at the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of Freemasonry in Canada. We quote his observations in part: "It was a notable event. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia is not large, nor is it wealthy; but it has something that we lack. These people are so close to the Mother Grand Lodge of England, and so saturated with the traditions of that ancient body, that they need neither wealth nor membership to make them great. They are a fit example to us in many things."

With regard to Masonic funerals the Grand Master is of opinion that normally a funeral should be conducted by the church and not by the lodge, and that if conducted by the lodge, "it should be performed by one of sufficient culture and skill at the difficult task that it will at least not be a sacrilege." He hints at the shortening of this ritual or ceremony by the elimination of didactic paragraphs and preserving only the ceremonial parts. There is much to be said in favour of his views.

Space does not permit any lengthy quotation from an excellent and inspiring conclusion of his address, but we quote the last paragraph: "I see Freemasonry immemorial, immeasurable, immovable, immutable, and, I believe, immortal."

A complete report dealing with their Masonic Home was presented showing a residence of 20 men, 12 women, 26 boys and 30 girls, a total of 88, with assistance in the maintenance of 13 outside the Home, making a total of 101.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is prefaced by a Foreword by M. W. Bro. Lewis N. Tavenner, P.G.M., which is pithy and forceful, and excellently epitomizes the contents of the various Grand Lodge Proceedings under review. He espouses the stand of Freemasonry regarding lotteries and the liquor problems. He succinctly refers to the differences held as to the true meaning and application of the Eighteenth Landmark, particularly as to those who have to use artificial limbs. He rejoices in the fact that, generally speaking, Masonry has, throughout the year retained its unchangeableness, that it still retains the V.O.T.S.L. as its rule and guide and he urges us to stand true. Alberta receives a very liberal treatment. We wish to point out, however, that the Grand Master refused a dispensation to permit a lodge to participate in and wear regalia at a public procession on Coronation Day.

Lodges, 165. Members, 29,558. Loss, 146.

The next Annual Communication will be at Wheeling, 11th October, 1939.

M. W. Grand Master—Henry Ahrens, Wheeling.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Ira Wade Coffman, Charleston.

J.M.

WISCONSIN

The Ninety-fourth Annual Communication was held at Milwaukee on June 14th and 15th, 1938. Grand Master Maxwell Jenks presided.

Sixteen P.G.M.'s and 42 Grand Representatives were present. There was no Alberta representative present nor does there appear to be one.

The United States colors were brought in escorted by a guard of honor and formally received and placed on the dais to the right of the Grand Master. Grand Lodge representatives renewed their pledge to the Flag and an address to the Flag was given.

Grand Lodge opened at 2 p.m., the opening being preceded by an organ recital. At 10 a.m. an informal Round Table conference of Masters and Wardens was held, presided over by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master mentioned in his address something which must be almost unique in the history of Masonry. His father was Grand Master in 1896, his brother in 1929 and now he himself supplied the third Grand Master from the Jenks family. Four Emergent Communications were held during the year: two for dedicating temples, one for laying the cornerstone of a new temple and one for laying the corner stone of a Community building.

Some of his rulings are interesting. The Committee on Jurisprudence upheld him on the ruling that an applicant who had lost the first joint of his index finger could not be accepted. His ruling that an applicant who had one leg five-eights of an inch shorter than the other could not be accepted was disallowed by the Committee on Jurisprudence. He was asked whether the Master of a lodge whose officers were not properly qualifying themselves for their work could appoint other officers pro tem to do their work until such time as they were qualified and naturally declined to permit this. A lodge was denied the right to sponsor a bowling team and to provide shirts for them. He ruled that a lodge cannot conduct a trial of their Worshipful Master for unmasonic conduct. He ruled that a Masonic lodge could not make a donation to the Salvation Army, Red Cross or any similar organizations. An interesting ruling was that a Masonic lodge cannot "put on a drive for membership." It was ruled a Masonic offense to conduct Bingo and similar parties for prizes or to use the lodge rooms for gambling purposes.

There appears to be a constitutional period of six days between the election and the initiation of a candidate in this Grand Jurisdiction. The loss in membership was about half the loss of the previous year and the Grand Master reported a renewal of interest in the welfare of Masonry. There was better attendance, a decrease in suspensions N.P.D., and a growing number of restorations. One lodge presented serious difficulty. They had not held a regular meeting for two years. The Grand Master summoned the members to meet him at a special meeting to consider their future. They had not elected officers for two years and would give no promise that they would do so in the future. They declined the request of the Grand Master that they merge with some other lodge. They refused to surrender their charter on the Grand Master's request. An attempt was then made to get them to promise to function as a lodge and that some one of the members would take office of Master and carry on. No one would accept this duty.

The Grand Master then arrested their charter. Only seven members were present at the meeting and only ten live in and around the town in which the lodge formerly met. Thirty-six lodges in the jurisdiction have a membership of less than fifty. Many of these do not hold regular meetings and have done no work for several years. It is proposed to consider suitable action in these cases at the next communication. The Grand Master travelled more than 28,000 miles during his term of office.

A Master Mason of sixty-four years' standing was introduced to Grand Lodge and received with honors. P.J.G.W. Bro. Frank E. Noyes registered his attendance at Grand Lodge for the fifty-second time.

Special features of the communication included the exemplification on the afternoon and evening of the day preceding Grand Lodge, of the three degrees, by Madison Lodge No. 5 under the direction of the Grand Lecturer. The first evening of the Grand Lodge sessions was devoted to a banquet, the exemplification of the Entered Apprentice Degree by Aurora Lodge No. 30 of Milwaukee, a twenty minute musical program, and Bro. Carl Claudy's play "A Rose Upon the Altar."

Two new pamphlets were issued by the Committee on Masonic Advancement: "Masonic Usages, Phrases and Allusions," and "The Quiz Method of Masonic Instruction." The Committee also published a second edition of their booklet of Masonic Plays which has received national circulation. So important did the Grand Lodge consider the work of this committee that an additional sum of $1,100.00 was added to the budget for their work in addition to the regular allotment.

Eight cases were considered by the Committee on Grievances and Appeals and all decisions were approved. Thirty-six members of one lodge were charged with unmasonic conduct and twenty-nine of them were found guilty and suspended. Twenty-two members of another lodge were charged with unmasonic conduct and seventeen of them were found guilty and suspended.

A special committee on what is referred to as the Eighteenth Landmark (Mackey's numbering) brought in an extended report quoting many Masonic authorities to the effect that any candidate must be physically whole before he can be initiated. The report was received and ordered to be printed.

The deaths include that of P.S.G.W. Bro. Everett A. Upham. The references to the fraternal dead in other jurisdictions include one to M. W. Bro. Robert Patterson of Alberta.

Looking after the property of the Grand Lodge is a serious problem and the Grand Master and others make strong pleas for some better arrangement which will take the administration work off the Grand Secretary's shoulders so that his time can be devoted more to fraternal work among the Craft. There are 700 different items in the investment list which includes, among other things: two farms, six houses, one apartment building, and some vacant lots. These are in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Florida, Chicago, and Saskatchewan. Among the holdings of bonds are $50,000.00 Dominion of Canada's and $2,000.00 Alberta's. No interest has been collected on the latter since December, 1936. The total holdings come to nearly $400,000.00. The Grand Lodge holds $10,000.00 of bonds of a Masonic Temple Association on which

no interest nor principal has been paid for two years. A suggestion to foreclose was disapproved and the Board of Trustees was invited to formulate a program to liquidate the bonds.

Following the address of Bro. Carl H. Claudy, Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, it was decided to affiliate with this body and the per capita tax was increased to take care of this fee and to allow the Committee on Masonic Advancement to publish a bulletin.

$600.00 was set aside to meet the expense in connection with the centennial celebrations of Grand Lodge in 1944. It is proposed to set aside an equal sum each year.

The Masonic Service Bureau of Wisconsin placed 548 people in employment during the year in addition to the granting of assistance in a great many cases.

Under the appropriate heading "Pay Roll" come the payments for attendance at Grand Lodge: 4 cents a mile each way and $4.00 a day for two days, a total of $6,739.84.

Forty-seven fifty year certificates were issued during the year.

Applications for charitable assistance during the year were materially reduced. In their report the members of the Charity Committee reiterate the three principles on which they deal with cases. They are worth repeating here: First: In all cases it is primarily a personal and individual matter. Second: The Lodge only supplements the individual when he has given to the full extent of his ability to relieve a distressed, worthy brother. Third: The Grand Lodge enters the picture when the first and second propositions have been carried out and only as an emergency matter. The committee is concerned over the low dues charged by some lodges which ask for relief. "Certainly no lodge should charge less than $5.00 dues when it is necessary to receive charity from Grand Lodge."

Alberta is given generous and kindly mention in the Review of Foreign Correspondence prepared by M. W. Bro. Frank Jenks.

A per capita tax of 80 cents a member is paid for the Masonic Home in Wisconsin.

Poor proof reading mars the enjoyments of the Proceedings somewhat. "Chaplin" for "Chaplain" on the first printed page is something of a shock and there are a number of others through the book. "Britian" for "Britain" is a little hard on the people north of the border and just how Wisconsin will make its peace with Scotland after saying that the Quarterly Communication was held at "Edenburg" and a bit further down that the Annual Communication was held at "Edenburgh" remains to be seen.

Lodges, 311. Membership, 52,360. Loss, 765.

M. W. Grand Master—Clarence Hill, Port Washington.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Wm. F. Weiler, Milwaukee.

F.P.G.

WYOMING

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Wyoming was convened in its Sixty-fourth Annual Communication by the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Warner B. Jones, August 22nd, 1938, in the Masonic Temple, Rawlins and opened in Ample Form. Forty-eight lodges were represented. Eighteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance.

This Grand Body does not exchange Representatives apparently.

During the year under review some one hundred and five of the brethren have ceased their labors in the Temple of Time, "But they live, like ourselves, in God's infinite care."

We commend the opening sentiment expressed in the address of welcome by Bro. Dinsmore: "The essence of all true addresses of welcome must be Sincerity."

The year under review shows gratifying progress both financially and numerically, the increase in membership being the first increase shown in five years.

We cannot refrain from quoting a section of the M. W. Grand Master's address. It being so applicable to Masonry in general: "My brothers, there has never been a time in the known history of the world, when the ancient landmarks needed more careful safeguarding. The condition of the world is such that we find so-called civilized nations bristling with more arms and weapons of destruction than ever before in this world history. Strong nations are seeking advantage over weaker nations, and in some instances have succeeded in annexing them and taking them over. We have drifted far from the prayer for universal brotherhood. Situations are viewed, not from the standpoint of internationalism, but rather from a concentrated selfish nationalistic standpoint. Masonry, in many countries, may not be practised openly, and in many countries its votaries dare not practise it secretly. To be a Mason is some places may mean the death or imprisonment of that Mason, for no other reason than that he is a Mason. Treaties, those once sacred instruments by which the conduct of a nation was measured and guaranteed, have been reduced to merest scraps of paper. Great wars are carried on without even the formality of declaring war. Many ancient, venerable and good institutions are declared to be *passe*, as a matter of course, without consideration or thought. When we consider the situation as a whole, we cannot but propound the query: 'Wither are we drifting?' It is our duty as Masons, in our daily lives, as ordinary citizens to devote our energies to the advancement of those forces which will make for a better government in our community, state or nation. To preserve those institutions of democracy that will finally, if persisted in, show to the world that our form of government is the finest "devised by the mind of man." Thus by precept and example may we some day 'lead the way back' to a real brotherhood between men."

A special committee in its report referred to this part of the Grand Master's address as a good and sufficient reason for rejoining the Masonic Service Association.

From the committee's report on Fraternal Correspondence it is noted that the British are restoring the famous forests of Lebanon, at a cost of some forty thousand dollars.

From the same report we note that in Poland a Bill is under discussion which provides for a penalty of five years imprisonment for being an active member of the Masonic Fraternity, either in the Fatherland or abroad, and so the persecution spreads.

In reviewing the Fraternal Correspondence Bro. Lowndes has once more produced a work of love. His descriptions of the Seals of the various Grand Lodges are very instructive, and his Foreword is of special interest to those who believe in the exclusion of the Profane from a Masonic lodge room on all occasions.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Sweden, Norway and the Netherlands, but suggested it might be better to await further developments before recognizing those of South America.

Lodge, 50. Members, 7,820.

M. W. Grand Master—Lew Miller Gay, Casper.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Joseph M. Lowndes, Masonic Temple, Casper.

W.B.

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